



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 4th August 2024 Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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There is no online sermon this week.

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion
- 10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Morning Prayer for Lammas
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Holy Communion
- 2:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Baptism

Thursday

- 9:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion. More details below.

Benefice Vacancy Interview Day Thursday 8th August

We will be interviewing one candidate.

The day will begin with a service of Holy Communion in St Andrew's Church Shrivenham at 9:30am.

Bishop Gavin will celebrate. Everyone is welcome!

The church will be closed after the service until approximately 12:30pm while the interview takes place.

Please keep the candidate and the members of the selection panel in your prayers.

A prayer for this time of transition

Faithful and loving God, we hold our Benefice before you in this time of uncertainty.

Be with us in our waiting, in our expectation and in our preparation as we seek our new Incumbent.

Be with our new incumbent as he or she also waits, expects and prepares.

Bring us together in love for you and for this Benefice, and be our light for the way ahead.

In Jesus' name, Amen

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in College Farm Lane in Ashbury, and Lawrence Avenue in Shrivenham.

Sunday 11th August

- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Matins
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Morning Prayer

Rev'd Patrick Mabunu is off duty from Monday 5th August until Saturday 10th August inclusive.

For pastoral emergencies please call 01793 783519.

For other church enquiries please contact your local churchwarden or the Benefice Administrator.

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Bourton, St James

Please note that there are no services during August.

Midweek Online Services During August

There will be no Tuesday or Thursday online morning services during August.

Wednesday Study Groups Summer Break

The morning and evening study groups are taking a break and will restart on 11th September.

Songs & Stories and Baby & Toddler Group

The groups that meet on Wednesday and Thursday mornings are taking a break until after the school summer holidays.

Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Patricia Clawson and Valerie Hawkins.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Bottles Please!

The Bottle Tombola at Shrivenham Village Fete at the end of August is one of the major fund-raising events for St Andrew's Church General Fund.

We need about 400 bottles to make this a success.

David Watson is happy to receive bottles of any kind, but no cans or other containers please. He will collect from you if required, otherwise please deliver to the porch at 7 Claypits Lane Shrivenham.

01793 783405 or davelizwatson@tiscali.co.uk

We are also looking for people to help with collecting bottles, and setting up and helping on the day.

Saturday 12th October at 6pm St Mary's Church, Longcot

The Torriano Ensemble Autumn Concert
More details to follow.

Friday 27th September at 6pm St Mary's Church, Longcot

Tom Arnold will be giving a talk on the Titanic and will draw upon the links with both Longcot and Uffington.

More details to follow.

Saturday September 28th at 7pm St Mary's Church, Ashbury

Avebury Vocal Ensemble Autumn Concert

A varied programme with pieces from Gabriel Fauré, Gustav Holst and Thomas Wilbye as well as more modern and seasonal pieces by Wood, Kosma, Brown, and Andersson and Ulvaeus of Abba fame.

Tickets £12, available on the door or online via the Avebury Vocal Ensemble website at www.aveburyvocal.org.

Wine and soft drinks will be available before the concert and during the interval.

COLLECT

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble
servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall
please you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Either **Exodus 16:2-4. 9-15**

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

Or **2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a**

PSALM Psalm 78:23-29

R *The Lord gave them grain from heaven.*

The Lord commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven.

He rained down manna upon them to eat
and gave them grain from heaven.
So mortals ate the bread of angels;
he provided for them food enough. **R**

He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
And led out the south wind by his might.
He rained down flesh upon them like dust
and winged birds like the sand of the sea. **R**

He let it fall in the midst of their camp
and round about their dwellings.
So they ate and were well filled,
for he gave them what they craved. **R**

SECOND READING Ephesians 4:1-16

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

GOSPEL John 6:24-35

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were at the place where Jesus had given the bread, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in
you:

look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Sunday 4 August 2024
 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 John 6:24-35

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

JESUS IS THE BREAD OF LIFE!

Choosing to follow Jesus

Which words show we are following Jesus? Write them in these loaves of bread.
 Jesus says these things will make us happy.

Loaves of bread with words to be placed inside:

- peace
- love
- care
- share
- kind
- unhappy
- sad

Loaves with missing letters:

- __ v __
- __ r __
- h __ __
- __ n __
- __ e _ c __

Believe in Jesus if you want to do God's work! Jesus is the bread of life, sent by God the Father. If we believe in Jesus and follow his ways, we will never be hungry or thirsty again!

Word Search

Can you find these words that are connected to the bread from heaven?

- JESUS
- STRONG
- FOOD
- LOVE
- BREAD
- LIFE

J	E	S	U	S	V
C	L	P	X	Z	Z
L	R	G	L	P	Q
I	K	F	O	O	D
F	J	W	V	R	G
E	D	A	E	R	B
J	H	X	Z	B	P
S	T	R	O	N	G

A maze

Jesus said that whoever comes to him will never be hungry. Can you find the way for the children to reach the bread?

If we believe

Break the code to see what Jesus is saying.

G	H	I	N	R	S	T	U	Y

Jesus said that if we believe in him we shall never be

or

A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me. Help me to share your love with everyone I meet. Amen.

Answers: Hungry or thirsty. Love, care, share, kind, peace.