

## **St Andrew's Church, Shrivenham**

### **ASK Midweek Service of the Word**



### **Acting in Simple Kindness (ASK)**

**An initiative of the Shrivenham &  
Ashbury Benefice**

**Ask and you shall receive  
(Luke 11:9)**

ASK is a voluntary local team whose members are happy to contact and/or visit anyone who might welcome someone to talk to or a lift to church. We also organize a short service (normally of Holy Communion) on the first Wednesday of the month at 11am, followed by tea or coffee and very nice cake! If you or someone you know might welcome a visit, or would like to come to one of the Wednesday services, please contact:

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Prayers are led by a member of the team; do let us know if there is anything special you would like us to include either during the service or in our private prayers.

During the service, please join in the words in bold print, and feel free to sit throughout the service if that is more comfortable for you.

There is normally an optional retiring collection in aid of local good causes or to support ASK funds; this will be announced during the service.

## The Gathering

The Greeting

Welcome in the name of Christ, God's grace,  
mercy and peace be with you

**And also with you**

Opening Prayer

God of our days and years  
we set this time apart for you  
form us in the likeness of Christ  
so that our lives may glorify you. **Amen**

## HYMN

Invitation to confession

My brothers and sisters, as we prepare to  
celebrate, let us call to mind and confess our  
sins

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned in thought,  
word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole  
heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbours as  
ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are, and direct  
what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Absolution

May God who loved the world so much that he  
sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive us our  
sins and make us holy to serve him in the world  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Collect of the Day

*The prayer for the day is said*

First Reading

From the Old or New Testament

*At the end the reader will say: This is the word  
of the Lord*

*The response is: **Thanks be to God***

## Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to *N*

**Glory to you, O Lord**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Homily if given**

Prayers of Intercession

*The response to "Lord, in your mercy," is*

**Hear our prayer**

*The prayers end with*

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The ASK prayer

*written by the Rev'd Anne Bell*

Almighty God, we ask for your blessing on our  
mission to serve our neighbours

Where there is loneliness, let us bring friendship

Where there is suffering, help us to bring  
comfort,

and where there is confusion, assist our  
understanding

Let us be sensitive to the needs of all those we  
visit

Knowing it is only through your strength and the  
knowledge of your love,

That we do your will

Make us worthy of serving this community

Following the example, and in the name, of your  
Son,

Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has  
taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against  
us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

The Peace

Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God. We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you**

*We normally exchange the peace with one another, for example by shaking hands*

**Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as**

**ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen  
HYMN**

Blessing and Dismissal

*This or another blessing is said:*

Life is short and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind, and may the blessing of the God who made us and loves us and travels with us be with you, and those you love and pray for, today and always. Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ, Amen**

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