



WELCOME

TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

“Mirroring the hospitality of God”

Sunday 14th June Trinity 1

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Are your children missing Café Inspire?



Join the STANDFAST team for a bible story and craft activity at 10:00am on Saturday 13th June on [Facebook](#).

Sunday 14th June Trinity 1

David Ahern is giving this week's talk.

Watch on our [Facebook](#) page or [YouTube](#) channel.
Available from 9am on Sunday 14th June.

11.00am Holy Communion. Live on [Facebook](#).

We have a guest reader, intercessor and live talk today.

Tuesday

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#).

Wednesday

2 – 3:00pm Ashbury Church open for private prayer.
6 – 7:30pm Watchfield Church open for private prayer.

Thursday

9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#).
11.00am Longcot with Fernham PCC via Zoom.
6.30pm Anthem of the Week (Choir)

Friday

5:30pm Worship and Praise. Live via Zoom.
Contact David Ahern for details of how to take part.
01793 783521 thetable@protonmail.com

Sunday 21st June Trinity 2 Father's Day

11.00am Holy Communion. Live on [Facebook](#).
5:30pm Evensong (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#).

All links, orders of services and readings will be posted on the services page of our website www.shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk

A Reminder

You don't need to set up a Facebook or YouTube account to join in!
A 'How To' guide can be downloaded from the services page on our [website](#), or telephone Lucy Laird for advice on 01793 783519.

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Pound Piece.

Latest News on Re-opening our Churches

New guidance has come thick and fast this week! We still hope it may be possible for places of worship to re-open from 4th July and we continue to explore ways to make this work safely by holding one public communion service and one public service of the word each Sunday.

From 17th June the churches in Ashbury and Watchfield will be open once a week for private prayer: 2-3pm in Ashbury and 6-7.30pm in Watchfield. Please contact me or the churchwardens for more information.

Meanwhile, the regular online services i.e. Sunday 11am communion services; Morning Prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays; together with the monthly ASK and Worship & Praise services will continue.

Please keep us in your prayers and know that you are in ours.

Blessings, Norma

Lighting a Candle of Hope

Although the immediate restrictions are easing slowly, there are many people for whom life is still not (and may never be) quite the same. We all need hope and lighting a candle is one way of encouraging both ourselves and others. The flame may not be as obvious in these lighter evenings, but it is good to know that it is still there.



Thank you, Lord

For being our companion in lockdown.
For sharing our laughter, prompting our memories, healing our wounds and comforting our tears.
For reminding us of the beauty in the world.
For opening our eyes to acts of kindness and compassion.
For being the light in the darkness which shows us the way and encourages us to keep going.
For being our prayer when words fail.
For being our hope.
For being here.
Amen

Lockdown at Longcot and Fernham Primary School



It's quiet, so very quiet!

A school during lockdown is a very strange and quite eerie place. Corridors which were once filled with life, laughter and friendship, now stand empty and silent. With only a handful of key worker children present at school, and without their usual gaggle of friends, children at first appeared thoughtful. However, as time has passed children have made new friendships and are happy and enjoying themselves. Pupils of all ages playing together and respectfully supporting, challenging and cooperating has been special to witness.

The imaginative way pupils have been creating games to play as well as sitting and patiently making daisy chains with beaming smiles clearly visible.

Thankfully, we have been blessed to have had such wonderful spring weather, enabling staff and children to be out in the sunshine enjoying nature and outdoor sessions. Listening to the birds singing and watching the red kites swooping in the sky has been calming as the children and staff picnic outside which has been part of their daily routine. Joshua a Year 5 pupil said that "school was really enjoyable with time to extend friendships and get more one to one sessions with teachers, although it is very strange to be in the same class as my little sister".

Technology has played a large part in keeping contact with families. Providing online learning for children at home has allowed us to keep children engaged in learning, and through the use of an online platform which the children had used at school, staff are able to provide guidance and support for pupils. Zoom sessions enabled contact and enjoyment, and through the sharing of news to online scavenger hunts, we have tried to maintain contact for pupils and their friends.

Rev'd Norma and Richard Fergusson supply an online assembly for us to share at school and with children still at home. This year we even held our Easter Service on Zoom which was heralded as a great success!

Claire Mellor, Headteacher

Other ways to join in with worship

Visit the 'other ways to worship' page on our website for links to on-line services, phone apps for daily prayers and other useful resources. If you know anyone who is not on-line and would like a paper copy, let us know. www.shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk

Church Services by Telephone

Daily Hope offers music, prayers, and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England. Dial 0800 804 8044 to hear a special greeting from the Archbishop, then choose from a range of options, including hymns, prayers, reflections, traditional morning and evening prayer and advice on COVID-19.

Calls are free of charge.

Church at Home services from the Diocese of Oxford can be accessed by telephone.

Dial 01865 920930 to hear the latest service (press 0= short service, 1= full service).

Normal call rates apply.



St Mary's Church Longcot

Our churches, like our homes, have been closed for many weeks but, also like our homes, we still have bills to pay and rely on donations to stay active and provide care and pastoral support to everyone who requests it. We would like to say a huge thank you to all those who already make a financial contribution towards our mission and ministry and the upkeep of our buildings during this difficult and uncertain time.

If you would like to know more about supporting us, please telephone our Treasurers on the numbers below.

Shrivenham, Watchfield and Bourton 01793 784756
Longcot and Fernham 01793 783324
Compton Beauchamp 01793 710889
Ashbury 01793 710208

If you would like to make a text donation,
please to use the number below.

Text GIVEfive to 70470 to donate £5

Your standard text message rate applies.

Please contact Rev'd Fergusson for pastoral issues, and a churchwarden or the Benefice Administrator (shrivenham.ashbury.benefice@outlook.com) for other church enquiries.



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