



WELCOME

TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

“Mirroring the hospitality of God”

Sunday 21st June Trinity 2 Father's Day

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Sunday 21st June Trinity 2 Father's Day

Rev'd Norma Fergusson is giving this week's sermon.

Watch on our [Facebook](#) page or [YouTube](#) channel.

Available from 9am on Sunday 21st June.

9 - 10:00am Compton Beauchamp Church open for private prayer.

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

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

5:30pm Evensong (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#).

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

2 - 3:00pm Ashbury Church open for private prayer.

5 - 6:00pm Longcot Church open for private prayer.

6 - 7:30pm Watchfield Church open for private prayer.

Thursday

9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#).

6:00pm Benefice Wardens' Meeting via Zoom.

6.30pm Anthem of the Week (Choir).

Friday

Sunday 28th June Trinity 3

9 - 10:00am Compton Beauchamp Church open for private prayer.

11.00am Holy Communion. 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.

Latest News on Re-opening our Churches

Our churches in Ashbury, Compton Beauchamp, Longcot and Watchfield are now open once a week for private prayer. See the box on the left for details.

Please do not come into church if you think you may have symptoms of Covid 19.

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.

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

Shrivenham Open Gardens

Sunday 5th July from 2 – 5pm



Ten gardens will be open.

Ticket & map £5

Accompanied children under 16 – free

On sale at Shrivenham Post Office in advance and from the church on the day.

In aid of St Andrew's Restoration Project

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Station Road.



Socially distanced pews in Longcot Church

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

Good News from St Andrew's Church Restoration and Improvement Project



Having restored the porch parapet to its former glory, conserved the 12th century font and introduced a brand new state of the art audio visual system we are now in a position to start the next and biggest stage of our project, the provision of toilets and a kitchen area.

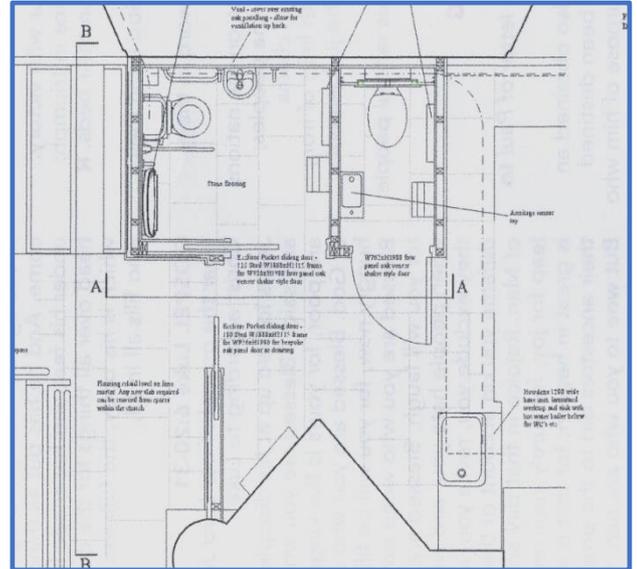
So even in these troubled times we do have some good news as work is scheduled to commence on Monday 22nd June with a completion date around the 28th August. Although some churches are beginning to open for private prayer, St Andrew's will remain closed during this time.

This is a major project and will entail installing waste pipework from near the boiler room right the way down the path and through the Lychgate to join the main sewer in Church Walk. We will have two toilets, one of which will accommodate disabled wheelchairs and also baby changing facilities. The area will also have a new sink within the flower arrangers' section. The design and finish will, as near as possible, match the existing woodwork within the church.

At the other side of the organ the current vestry will be remodelled and a kitchen and serving area created with sink, fridge and a dishwasher and even hot running water!

Although we have the majority of the £150,000 cost of this, we do still need £6,000 to cover everything. We had expected to raise the outstanding balance from previously planned fundraising events but unfortunately circumstances overtook us so any contribution to 'St Andrew's Restoration Fund' to achieve this would be gratefully received.

David Watson, Churchwarden



The area in front of the organ in St Andrew's Church has been cleared ready for the installation of toilet facilities.

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.

If you would like to become a regular donor 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 use the number below.

Text **GIVEfive** to **70470** to donate **£5**

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.

Lighting a Candle of Hope

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