



# WELCOME

## TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

“Mirroring the hospitality of God”

Sunday 7th June Trinity Sunday

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### Trinity Sunday

Rev'd Robin Cardwell is giving this week's sermon.  
Watch on our [Facebook](#) page or [YouTube](#) channel.  
Available from 9am on Sunday 7th June.

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

#### **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.

### Monday

### Tuesday

9:00am Morning Prayer using the Iona Liturgy.  
Live on [Facebook](#).

### Wednesday

10:30am The Prayer Course. Live via Zoom.

### Thursday Corpus Christi

9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#).  
6.30pm Anthem of the Week (Choir)

### Friday

### Sunday 14th June Trinity 1

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](http://www.shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk)

### **Diocesan Survey – Online Services**

Dr Simon Cross in Bishop Steven's office is looking at  
the impact of churches being unable meet in person.

If you are attending online church services, you are  
invited to complete this [short survey](#) as soon as possible  
after the next online service you attend.

If you attend the Diocesan Church at Home service  
and/or a number of other services from different  
parishes, you are welcome to complete the survey for  
each online service you've been to.

### **Ashbury Cycle of Prayer**

Please pray this week for all who live and work in  
Odstone Farm & Cottages.

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

### **Update on Re-opening our churches**

As I mentioned in this space last week, we hope it may  
be possible for places of worship to re-open from 4 July.  
I am grateful to the churchwardens who are spending a  
lot of time with their tape measures trying to make this  
work. It is amazing how big two metres is when you start  
to think about where people might sit.

Just to confirm there won't be an immediate return to the  
service pattern we had before the pandemic. Initially  
there is likely to be one public communion service and  
one public service of the word each Sunday. Some  
churches may also be open for private prayer, but we will  
let you know more when we have worked out the finer  
details. 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

## Hello from ST ANDrew's FAmyly Service Team

We hope you are all well. If you've not heard of STANDFAST before we are a team of people who, with Norma's help, put together the Family Service in Shrivenham every month.

We also help to organise the Christingle Service, Crib Service and Good Friday children's activities.

Lockdown has been an interesting challenge for families.

Parents have had to quickly adapt to teaching their children at home. Even though most of the STANDFAST team have been (or are) teachers and teaching assistants, teaching your own children is a very different kettle of fish. I have realised that I have forgotten most of the French I learnt at school, but Google translate is very useful! I've also discovered that 10-year-old boys are much better at Year 9 IT than me!!



The schools have been fantastic providing resources, and without this I know I would have found it far more challenging. Schools of course have been open throughout providing much needed childcare for our keyworkers, however, they are now beginning to re-open in a gradual phased way to other pupils. This week saw the return of Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 students. Please pray for all the staff and children returning to school and for those making the decisions about how and when the rest will return.

STANDFAST have been trying to keep in touch with families in and around Shrivenham, mostly by Facebook. We were unable to do our usual Easter Garden making activity on Good Friday so instead we encouraged people to make their own at home.



This Sunday we are hoping to put a whole family service onto our [Facebook](#) page.

It is requiring me to learn new IT skills editing together videos the children have sent me but hopefully we'll pull it off! If it is successful, we will do one next month too.

If you or your children would like to be involved in the next online family service please email [standfast.shrivenham@yahoo.com](mailto:standfast.shrivenham@yahoo.com)

As Café Inspire is not taking place, we are also going to try to put a craft activity on Facebook next Saturday.

Finally, when we are able to meet up properly again, Standfast will be back to organizing family services and Christmas services. We always welcome new members to our team so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to help us.

Becky Peal (A member of STANDFAST)

## Our condolences

to the family and friends of the late Mr James Christie, Mr John Winskill and Mrs Rose Bradfield who died recently. The funerals have taken place.

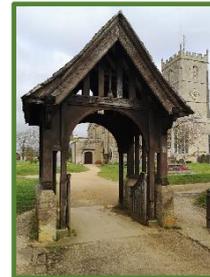
## Church Services by Telephone

**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.

## 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](http://www.shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk)



Although our buildings are closed, our churches still rely on donations to stay active and provide care and pastoral support to everyone. 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 numbers below.

### For Ashbury

Text **STMARYS 5** to **70085** to donate **£5**

### For Shrivenham, Watchfield & Bourton

Text **SWB** to **70460** to donate **£5**

Text **SWB** to **70450** to donate **£10**

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Text **LONGCOT** to **70085** to donate **£4**  
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