



# WELCOME

## TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

“Mirroring the hospitality of God”

Sunday 20th September Trinity 15

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**Face coverings are now mandatory in churches.  
Please read the updated information below.**

### **Sunday 20th September Trinity 15**

9 - 10:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun.  
Church open for private prayer.  
10:00am Bourton, St James  
Holy Communion  
11:00am Holy Communion. Live on [Facebook](#).  
4:00pm Joint Harvest Service with Shrivenham  
Methodist Church. Live on [Facebook](#).

Watch this week's sermon on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).  
Available from 9am on Sunday 20th September.

**Monday Rev'd Fergusson off duty**

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

**Wednesday**  
10:30am Bible Study Course. Live via Zoom.  
5 - 6:00pm Private prayer in Longcot Church.  
6 - 7:30pm Private prayer in Watchfield Church.  
6:00pm Benefice Wardens' Meeting

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

### **Sunday 27th September Trinity 16**

9 - 10:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun.  
Church open for private prayer.  
9:00am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Morning Prayer for Harvest  
10:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion for Harvest  
11:00am Holy Communion. Live on [Facebook](#).

All links, orders of services and readings  
are posted on the services page of our website  
[www.shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk](http://www.shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk)

### **Farewell Service for Bishop Colin 16th September 2020**

I don't know how many people joined in the farewell service for Bishop Colin on Wednesday evening, but there were at least 65 devices on Zoom so quite possibly double that – not a bad attendance for the Vale and Abingdon Deaneries.

In his address Bishop Colin apologized for the changes which had inevitably been made to his plans for saying goodbye to us all, not least his inability to provide prosecco and chocolate cake in Dorchester Abbey on 4th October, though that service will be live streamed.

He made a point of thanking everyone who had made his time as Bishop such a joy: Churchwardens, PCC members, administrators, Deanery reps, bellringers, choirs and organists, youth leaders, LLMs, AMs - even the clergy!

Bishop Colin mentioned his record in blessing loos, kitchens and coffee areas and his appreciation for the way our churches model hospitality. He also expressed his thanks for the way in which the whole body of Christ has come together in community to help during the pandemic to reflect God's love in a way which has been variously contemplative, compassionate and courageous according to need.

Above all, quoting from Philippians, he promised “to thank my God every time I remember you” and to pray for us as he continues to drive through our parishes. And we, Bishop Colin, will pray for you. Your successor will have a hard act to follow!

Norma



Dorchester Abbey, 15th September 2019  
Bishop Colin with new members of the Fellowship of St Birinus

Bishop Colin talks about the Fellowship during his online sermon on Sunday 20th September.  
Watch on [Facebook](#) from 12:15pm.

### **Face Coverings are Mandatory in Churches**

There is an exemption for those who are officiating at services and presiding at Holy Communion, and those who assist them (for instance by reading, preaching, or leading prayers) who do not always need to wear a face covering, although one should be worn if physical distancing cannot be maintained (such as at the distribution of Holy Communion).

In line with government advice, children under 11 and people with disabilities or certain health conditions are also exempt from wearing face coverings.

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

### News from St Andrew's

We are looking forward to re-opening for our first service on Sunday 27th September.

The building works are now complete, and we just need to finish tidying up and giving everything a final polish.

The kitchen in the vestry looks stunning and it will be a great relief (!) to have toilets in church, especially as winter approaches.

These 'work in progress' photos were taken a few weeks ago.



### Robbery in the village!!

A treasure trail around Shrivvenham

Clues and Map - £5

from Shrivvenham Post Office  
Solve it by the 30th September

First prize of £20

In aid of St Andrew's Restoration Project

### Churches Open for Private Prayer

Most of our churches are usually open once a week for private prayer. See the services box for details.

Shrivvenham church is closed until late September while building work is undertaken. Fernham church is closed to allow Annabelle's pre-school exclusive access.



**Alpha Online** - ask the big questions of life and explore the Christian faith.

Each session starts with a short video talk looking at different questions around faith, followed by discussion in small groups.

### Interested?

The next course starts on 5th October, put the date in your diary!

Alpha Online will be held via Zoom on Monday evenings (8 - 9:30pm) from 5th October to 7th December.

More information from Jane Ahern  
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A joint venture with Shrivvenham Methodist Church

### Annual Parish Meetings

Ashbury

Tuesday 20th October 6pm

Compton Beauchamp

Saturday 24th October 11am

Longcot & Fernham

Thursday 22nd October 7pm

Shrivvenham, Watchfield & Bourton

Friday 30th October 6:30pm

Meetings will be held in church if permitted by regulations in place at the time, otherwise via Zoom

If you would like to become a member of your PCC, please contact the PCC Secretary or churchwarden.

**All welcome**

### Church Electoral Rolls

Church electoral rolls will be revised before the annual parish meetings. Please let your parish Electoral Roll Officer know if your contact details have changed since last year.

If you would like to join the electoral roll, please contact your church's PCC Secretary or Churchwarden.

### Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

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

### Associate Vicar

Rev'd Canon Paul Richardson's licensing service will be held in St Mary's church Ashbury on Tuesday 3rd November at 7:30pm. More details to follow.

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.