



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 18th July Trinity 7



Face coverings are mandatory, and you should either scan the NHS test and trace QR code or use the sign-in sheets on entering. Hand sanitiser is available and remember to maintain social distancing.
Please do not come into church if you think you may have symptoms of Covid 19.

Sunday 18th

Canon Paul Richardson is giving today's sermon
Watch on Facebook or YouTube from 9:00am

7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)
9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Matins (BCP)
10:00am Bourton, St James
Holy Communion by Extension
10:30am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Holy Communion (BCP) with choir
for Patronal Festival
10:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
3:00pm Ashbury St Mary
Sunday School Meeting

Tuesday

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
7:30pm Shrivenham, W & B PCC

Wednesday

9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Morning Prayer
2pm Leavers' Service, Longcot School

Thursday

9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
9:30am School Leavers' Services at
St Andrew's, and St Mary's Ashbury

Saturday

2:00pm Bourton, St James
Wedding Blessing

Sunday 25th

9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)
Benefice Holy Communion (BCP)
with choir
11:30am Ashbury, St Mary
Morning Prayer with Thanksgiving for
the Gift of a Child

Baby and Toddler Group

No baby and toddler group in St Andrew's this week.
They are taking a break until after the school holidays
and will restart on Thursday 9th September.

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

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

Services after 19th July

At the time of writing (16th July) we have yet to receive updated guidance from the national church regarding the continued use of face coverings and social distancing in churches after 19th July. Our priority will continue to be to do whatever is necessary for visitors to feel safe and welcome at our services.
Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for further details.

Summer Picnic on Godparents' Sunday Postponed by 1 week to 25th July 2021



Celebrate past and upcoming Christenings.
Bring all the family and godparents too!

3.30pm – 5.00pm in Shrivenham Vicarage Garden

Bring Your Own Picnic
Refreshments & Ice Cream Available

RSVP Numbers may be limited due to Covid restrictions (but we hope these will end on 19th July) so please let us know you are coming.

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Sunday School

We will be starting a Benefice Sunday School for primary school aged children in the Autumn.

We meet again on Sunday 18th July at 3pm at St Mary's Ashbury to pray for the Sunday School to have a look at the "Roots" Sunday School resources we hope to use. Please come along if you can.

Our churches are open for private prayer at the following times:

Ashbury 10am – 4pm on Thursday
Compton Beauchamp 9am – 5pm daily
Shrivenham 9am – 5pm daily
Watchfield 10am – 4pm on Wednesday



Messy Church will start at St Andrew's in Shrivenham on Thursday 30th September from 3:15 – 5pm so you can come straight from school.

Messy Church is open to the whole Benefice.

If you haven't come across the idea of Messy Church before, it's an opportunity (once a month) for young families to come together, have fun, enjoy making things, share a simple meal and also worship God.

The name is the perfect description because it is (usually) joyfully messy and (always) joyfully church.

If you've been before and enjoyed it then please come again – and bring a friend.

For more information contact Norma on 01793 784338.

Longcot Village Green Concerts

Sunday 25th July

The Clarinet Collective will be giving a short concert on Longcot Village Green, at 2:30pm and 5pm.



Bring your own rugs, chairs and refreshments and come and enjoy some socially distanced live clarinet sextet music on the green! The programme will feature classics by Mozart, Beethoven and Gounod, and popular favourites including Runaway Rocking Horse and the Dambusters March.

Each concert will last approximately 50 minutes and will be played without an interval.

FREE ADMISSION with a collection in aid of the renovation of St. Mary's tower roof, which is in urgent need of repair.

Tickets must be booked in advance but, with the loosening of government restrictions on 19th July, more tickets are now available.

To make your reservation for either concert please email victorialmedcalf@gmail.com.

Congratulations



Congratulations to Alessandra Prentice and John Wendle who were married at St Mary's Ashbury on Sunday 11th July.

Benefice Pilgrimage Sunday 15th August

We often talk about our "Christian journey" and for many this is purely figurative, but for others it is literally true as they walk to or between holy places, meeting God in new ways as they go.

We would like to recreate this ancient practice in the Benefice, starting with a walk from Bourton St James to Shrivenham St Andrew (and back for those who feel energetic!) on Sunday 15th August.

We will leave Bourton at 3pm, arriving at St Andrew's for a service, tea and cake, leaving again at about 5pm. Bourton Club have kindly allowed us to use their car park - and the bar will be open for refreshment when we get back.

Everyone is welcome to join us, even if only for the walk and tea!

For more details, please contact Richard Fergusson (01793 780057) or David Watson (01793 783405)

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Text **GIVEfive** to **70470** to donate **£5**
Text **GIVEten** to **70470** to donate **£10**

Your standard text message rate applies.

Thank you!