



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 4th July Trinity 5



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.

Saturday 3rd July

10:00am Bourton, St James
Family Service

Sunday 4th

Rev'd Norma Fergusson is giving today's sermon.
Watch on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) from 9:00am.

7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)
9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Matins (BCP)
9:30am Fernham, St John
Morning Prayer
9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#).
Holy Communion (BCP)
10:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew.
Family Service
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Morning Prayer
5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#).
Compline and Benediction

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#).
Morning Prayer
2:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#).
ASK Holy Communion
6:00pm Benefice Wardens' Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm Ashbury PCC via Zoom

Thursday

9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#).
9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
10:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#).
Holy Communion

Saturday

11:00am Compton Beauchamp PCC via Zoom

Sunday 11th

9:30am Fernham, St John & [Facebook](#).
Holy Communion
9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Matins (BCP)
10:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew.
Holy Communion
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Holy Communion
12:30pm Ashbury, St Mary
Wedding

Shrivenham Open Gardens

Sunday 4th July from 2 – 5pm



Twelve gardens will be open.

Ticket & map £5 per person on sale at
Shrivenham Post Office in advance and from the
church on the day.

Accompanied children under 16 – free.

Tea and cakes in Medlar Cottage Garden.

In aid of St Andrew's Restoration Project.

NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers Day

Monday 5th July



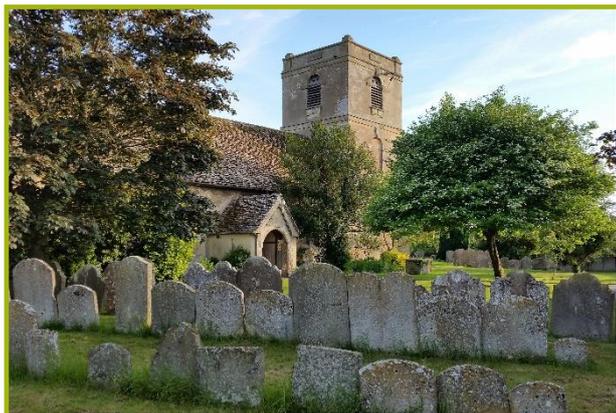
Various events will be happening nationwide
throughout the day concluding at
8:00pm with clapping our heroes and
the ringing of church bells.

More information at www.nhsfrontlineday.org/

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late
Joy Deacon

Please keep them in your prayers.

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.

In line with current government requirements places are limited and must be booked in advance. To make your reservation for either concert please email victorialmedcalf@gmail.com.

Longcot with Fernham Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 14th July at 7pm via Zoom.

Please contact the PCC Secretary for the link to join the meeting. You can also join by telephone.

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Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

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

St Swithun's Church needs your help!



We are looking for volunteers to help us clear weeds in St Swithun's Churchyard, Compton Beauchamp, on Friday 9th July from 2pm onwards. If you have suitable equipment and gloves please bring them along.

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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Volunteering at the Covid Vaccination Clinic at Great Western Hospital, Swindon



Read about Becky Peal's experience as a volunteer at the Great Western Hospital on the next page.

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The vaccination clinic at GWH opened on Thursday 9th December 2020, one of the first 50 in England to do so, and I started volunteering there a few days later.

It happened almost by accident, but I am so pleased to have been a very small part in this incredible operation to vaccinate the UK population. It started last autumn with a trip to the hospital with my daughter, we arrived to be greeted by the cheerful hospital volunteers in their green tops and my daughter said, "Mum, you could do that job", which got me thinking why not. So I made some enquiries and applied to be a hospital volunteer.

I completed my training and induction at the end of November just as the hospital found out that they were to be one of the first hospital vaccination hubs and so this became my first placement in the hospital along with lots of other existing hospital volunteers who were asked to step up. At the vaccination clinic our role as volunteers is to welcome people as they arrive and book them in, show them to the waiting rooms, make sure all the tables and chairs in the waiting rooms are sanitized between each patient, aiding patients who have mobility issues and supporting the clinical staff in any way we can. There is a great team spirit between all the staff and volunteers.

Initially the Hospital vaccination hub focused on over eighties who either had outpatient appointments at the hospital or were about to be discharged. Very quickly NHS staff and Care home staff were added. We also covered three GP practices in Swindon which weren't part of the groups working at Steam. It was a real privilege meeting these older patients who had often not left their homes for over 9 months, and this was their first trip out. They were so excited, and our waistlines all grew with the number of tins of biscuits and sweets they brought with them.

One patient that stands out was a petrified young girl who worked in a care home, not only was she very needle phobic but had also been given lots of fake news about the vaccine. I spent some time chatting to her and trying to reassure her whilst she was waiting for her turn. Despite all her fears she was determined to go through with it as she wanted to protect her residents - what amazing dedication!

As the nation moved down the age groups, we also moved down groups vaccinating pharmacists, dentists, opticians as well as some hospital patients with underlying health conditions. Although the government said that people shouldn't be prioritised by their profession rather than age Police and Fire employees were allowed to use up doses at the end of the day, so we had the Police station and Fire station on speed dial. There was one day I was volunteering when the car park became completely blocked by two riot police vans and two fire engines, goodness knows what regular visitors to the hospital thought was going on!

A few weeks ago, we finished all our lists and so opened up on the national online booking system. We have been busier than ever, with lots of people in their late teens. What has struck me most is still how pleased everyone is to be there. We had a lovely young girl this week who told us she was so excited to be there as she had only celebrated her 18th birthday a couple of days before. Once, not so long ago, youngsters would get excited about drinking legally in a pub for the first time now it's going to the vaccination clinic!

If you've not received your vaccination yet, it's not too late. Go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/> to book your appointment.

If you haven't done it yet because you are needle phobic, please be assured all the volunteers and staff have seen it before and we will do our utmost to support you.

If you have medical concerns the big vaccination sites and hospital hubs all have doctors available to speak to patients, just ask when you arrive to speak to them or speak to your GP before.

Becky Peal