



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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**Sunday 29th August Trinity 13**



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

For the time being we will continue to ask you to wear a mask during services, to observe social distancing and either to sign in or use the QR code.

Should you prefer not to do this, we ask you to be respectful of those who have made a different choice and to give them the space they need.

Hand sanitiser is available.

Holy Communion will continue to be offered in one kind only.

## Sunday 29th August

Canon Paul Richardson is giving today's sermon.

Watch on Facebook or YouTube from 9:00am.

- 11:00am Fernham, St John & [Facebook](#)  
Benefice Holy Communion with choir
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Baptism
- 2:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Baptism

## Tuesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 1:00pm Bereavement Café  
St Andrew's Vicarage Garden

## Wednesday 1st September

- 9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Morning Prayer
- 2:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & Facebook  
ASK Holy Communion

## Thursday

- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 6:30pm Choir Practice, St Andrew's

## Saturday

- 10:00am Bourton, St James  
Family Service
- 1:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Wedding

## Sunday 5th

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun  
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Fernham, St John  
Family Service
- 10:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew (**revised time**)  
Family Service with Baptism
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Morning Prayer
- 3:00pm Longcot Methodist Chapel  
Joint Service
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Compline and Benediction

## More Generosity Week Sunflowers

At each service during the Benefice Generosity Week in April, we offered you a Sunflower seed as an example of God's generosity in creation.



Photo: Dennis Blease

This beauty stands in excess of six feet tall and looks more like a tree than a plant. It is sited at the Fernham end of Longcot churchyard and is thought to have been planted by the gardeners in a plot that had previously been used to keep the grass cuttings.

How tall is your Sunflower? Let us have a picture to celebrate its growth and fruitfulness.



Photo: Jo Cholmeley

## Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

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

### Benefice Sunday School

We are hoping to start the Benefice Sunday School and "Come and See with Cake and Tea" family service on Sunday afternoons from September 26th this year.

The sessions will rotate between the churches in Ashbury, Shrivenham, Watchfield (Village Hall) and Fernham on a weekly basis, and all are open to children living anywhere in the Benefice.

This is the "crunch" moment. Can we recruit enough leaders and helpers to make sure that we can go ahead with this outreach to families and young children in our parishes? We need your help.

Please could you consider whether you are willing to volunteer up to 2 hrs of your time at least one Sunday a month during school term times, and/or if you could pass on this request to a friend or neighbour who you think might be able to do so.

Please get in touch with Canon Paul Richardson if you are able to help. 01793 710241  
[associate.vicar@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk](mailto:associate.vicar@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk)

### Songs and Stories

Unless more helpers volunteer, this successful session for little ones and their carers at Shrivenham Methodist Church will have to close.



Can you spare an hour from around 9 - 10 am on a Wednesday morning preparing the fresh fruit and making coffee? This could be on a rota basis so you would not have to commit to coming every week.

Please contact Pam Mullin if you can help.  
[pam.mullin2@btinternet.com](mailto:pam.mullin2@btinternet.com)

### Baby and Toddler Group

The Baby and Toddler Group that meets in St Andrew's Shrivenham every Thursday (term-time only) from 9 - 10:45am will restart on Thursday 9th September.

All parents and carers with pre-school children are welcome, but please remember that you are at all times responsible for the children you bring along.

Refreshments are provided along with snacks for the children.

The group is run entirely by volunteers and there is no charge to attend, but a minimum donation of £1 towards costs would be appreciated.

Please contact Jane Hollick for more information on 07779 656 767



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.

### Café Inspire

#### Re-Opening on Saturday 11th September

Jointly run by the Methodist Church and St. Andrew's, this 'pop-up' Café meets in Shrivenham School Hall on the 2nd Saturday of the month between 10 and 11:30am.

All ages are welcome to come along for tea and coffee, bacon rolls, homemade cakes and friendly chat. Younger guests can play with a range of toys or join in craft-based activities.

### Bereavement Café



Tuesday 31st August at 1pm  
St Andrew's Vicarage Garden

An informal, friendly get-together for anyone who has been bereaved at any time. Come for a cuppa, a chat and mutual support. Open to all, regardless of faith or beliefs. There is no charge.

More information from Rose-Anne O'Hare or Rev'd Norma Fergusson.

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