



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 26th September Trinity 17 Harvest



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

Wearing a mask and observing social distancing in church is encouraged but not mandatory.

Please sign in or use the QR code.

Hand sanitiser is available.

Holy Communion will be offered in one kind only.

Sunday 26th September

Rev'd Norma Fergusson is giving today's sermon.

Watch on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) from 9:00am.

- 9:30am Fernham, St John
Service cancelled
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
United Harvest Holy Communion with Shrivenham Methodist Church and Benefice Choir
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Harvest Holy Communion
- 3:00pm Benefice Sunday School
Ashbury, St Mary
- 4:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas
Harvest Festival Songs of Praise followed by Holy Communion

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- 9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Morning Prayer
- 9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group
Shrivenham Methodist Church
- 10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom.
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group
St Andrew's Vicarage

Thursday

- 9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 3:15pm Messy Church in St Andrew's
- 6:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
ASK Evening Prayer
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice, St Andrew's

Friday 1st October

- 9:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Morning Prayer

Saturday

- 10:00am Bourton, St James
Family Service for Harvest
- 5:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Hope and Harmony. United service with Shrivenham Methodist Church
Join us at 4pm for tea before the service.

Sunday 3rd October

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Harvest Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Family Service
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Morning Prayer with Baptism
- 3:00pm Benefice Sunday School
Watchfield Village Hall
- 3:00pm Longcot, St Mary
United Village Harvest Service with the Methodists to celebrate the re-opening of St Mary's, followed by refreshments.
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Compline and Benediction

Benefice Sunday School

Our new Sunday School starts on Sunday 26th September at St Mary's Church Ashbury.

For children aged 4 – 11 years of age

No need to book in advance

All sessions open to the whole Benefice

Drop your child off for a 3:00pm start, then at 4:15pm come and see what they have been doing and have a cuppa and cake as we celebrate their work with a short family service finishing at about 4:30pm

The sessions will rotate between the churches in Ashbury, Shrivenham, Watchfield (Village Hall) and Longcot on a weekly basis.



Messy Church is coming to Shrivenham!



What - Messy Church is a church with a difference! A chance to be creative, hear bible stories, eat yummy food and have fun with friends and family!

When - Every month starting Thursday 30th September 2021, 3.15pm-5pm

Where - St Andrew's Church, Shrivenham
Suggested donation £1.50 per child



Messy Church is open to the whole Benefice.

For more information and to book your space contact

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or scan the QR code to sign up.



Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Marcus Cooke. Please keep them in your prayers.

'Hope and Harmony' at St Andrew's Shrivvenham

Saturday 2nd October

United service with Shrivvenham Methodist Church
Tea at 4pm, service at 5pm

Not long after the pandemic started, people began to ask about how we would celebrate when it was all over and we could "go back to normal." Little did we know how long that would take: indeed, is still taking. It still seems as if a simple service of celebration would be premature and also, frankly, insensitive when so many people have lost so much. This service, therefore, seeks to combine both the thankfulness and the lamentation in a service of prayer and meditation. It is also harmonious because it is a joint service between the Anglican and Methodist Churches and because we can sing together. In the best traditions of both churches, there will also be cake. Come and join us in St Andrew's for tea at 4pm, followed by a service at 5pm. We'll look forward to seeing you there.

Alpha is Back!

Every Monday at 7:00pm
from 4th October to 13th December
in St Andrew's Church Shrivvenham.

Explore life, faith & meaning.
Bring an open mind and an open heart.

More information from Jane Ahern
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United Village Service in St Mary's Longcot

Sunday 3rd October at 3pm

United Village Harvest Festival with the Methodists
to celebrate the re-opening of St Mary's Church,
followed by refreshments.



Villagers not attending the service are warmly invited to join us 4:15pm for refreshments and to have a closer look at the stunning transformation that has taken place during the closure.



Bell Ringing Training Course at St Mary's Longcot on Saturday 18th September

The Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) held a training day for ringers aiming to become accredited teachers at St Mary's on Saturday 18th September. Good use was made of the new facilities, with a buffet lunch served in the kitchen (including sausage rolls hot from the oven!), theory sessions and presentations on the mezzanine, and practical sessions in the ringing room. Those who had previously visited the church were very impressed by the improvements.



View from the mezzanine down into the ringing room.

Welcome to Poppy Patricia Hughes, baptised at St Andrew's' Shrivvenham on Saturday 18th September.

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

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