



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 5th September Trinity 14



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 5th September

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday 1st September

9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Morning Prayer

Thursday

- 9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 10:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 6:30pm Choir Practice, St Andrew's

Saturday

- 10:00am Café Inspire in Shrivenham School Hall
- 2:30pm Watchfield, St Thomas. Baptism

Sunday 12th

- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Matins (BCP)
- 9:30am Fernham, St John
Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion

Celebratory Bell Ringing at Longcot



Longcot ringers and friends after ringing a Quarter Peal to celebrate the completion of the building work to create a Community Hub in St Mary's Church.

On Friday, 3 September 2021 in 43m

Longcot, Oxfordshire
St Mary the Virgin
Tenor: 8-1-24 in A

1260 Plain Bob Triples

- 1 Lisa Ryan
- 2 Michele Winter
- 3 David A J Endacott
- 4 Jonathan Wright
- 5 Tony Crabtree
- 6 Lindsay Powell
- 7 Joe Norton (C)
- 8 Jonathan Norton

To celebrate the completion of the church reordering with kitchen, toilets and refurbished ringing room.

Thanks to some very generous donations, enough money has been raised to pay for the repairs to the roof of the bell tower and work is now underway.

Information about the resumption of services will be published on our website and Facebook page once times and dates have been confirmed.

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

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

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Mrs Freda McClenahan.
Please keep them in your prayers.

Benefice Sunday School

Helping your child learn more about loving God and our neighbours, about Jesus, the Bible and the life of the Church. Helping you to give them a good direction in their lives. Bring them along to Sunday School, and "Come and See with Cake and Tea" to celebrate all they have done!

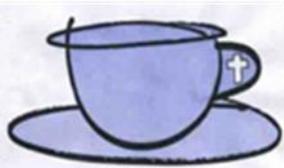
Our new Sunday School starts on Sunday 26th September at St Mary's Church Ashbury and welcomes children aged 4 – 11 years of age. Our Sunday School leaders and helpers will be DBS cleared and have undertaken safeguarding training.

Drop your child off for a 3.00pm start and 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, heading back home around 4.30pm. Parents who wish to stay for the whole time are very welcome to do so.

The sessions will rotate between the churches in Ashbury, Shrivenham, Watchfield (Village Hall) and Longcot on a weekly basis, and every session is open to children from anywhere in the Benefice.

No need to book in advance, you can register your child when you turn up, but if you would like to register now, please contact our Benefice Administrator who can send you a registration form.

01793 783519 or info@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk



Café Inspire Re-Opening on Saturday 11th September

We are delighted to say that Café Inspire will be open for business once again on Saturday 11th September from 10am to 11:30am in Shrivenham Primary School.

We will be offering our usual mix of refreshments (tea and coffee, bacon rolls, homemade cakes) and friendship for everyone. Younger guests can play with a range of toys or join in craft-based activities.

To ensure as safe an environment as we can, please sign in when you arrive, so you can be contacted in the unlikely event that an attendee has a positive Covid test. We would ask you to wear a mask apart from when you are seated at the tables. Hand sanitisers will be provided on each table and rather than asking you to order and collect your refreshments at the kitchen counter we will provide table service to take your orders and deliver your food and drinks. For hygiene purposes we will not be putting out all the toys and craft materials.

We are all excited to be welcoming you back to Café Inspire and look forward to seeing you.

Jointly run by the Methodist Church and St Andrew's.

Songs and Stories

Action songs, nursery rhymes and stories for pre-school children and their carers.

Every Wednesday (term-time only) from 29th September at 9:15am (doors open 8:45am) in Shrivenham Methodist Church.

Welcome

to Eliza Manning, who was baptised at St Andrew's Shrivenham and Rupert Fenna (pictured below) who was baptised at St Mary's Ashbury. Both on Sunday 29th August.



Messy Church will start at St Andrew's in Shrivenham on Thursday 30th September from 3:15 – 5pm. Come along 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 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.

There is no charge to attend, but a minimum donation of £1.50 per child towards costs would be appreciated.

For more information or to book a space contact standfast.shrivenham@yahoo.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 restarts 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 per child towards costs would be appreciated.

Please contact Jane Hollick for more information on 07779 656 767