



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 17th October Trinity 20



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 17th October

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 Watchfield, St Thomas
Matins (BCP)

9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Morning Prayer

10:00am Bourton, St James & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion

10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion

11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Taizé Service

3:00pm Benefice Sunday School
Longcot, St Mary

5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Choral Evensong with Benefice Choir

The service will include a talk by Peter Foot entitled "Learning from Children: Art and the Baptism of Jesus"

Tuesday

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

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 Alpha at the Ahern's.

Please contact Jane if you would like to come along.

01793 783521 or thestable@protonmail.com

7:00pm Wednesday Study Group
St Andrew's Vicarage

Thursday

9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's

9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)

6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice, St Andrew's

Friday

9:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Matins (BCP)

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Chapel Lane.

Sunday 24th October

9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Holy Communion (BCP)

9:30am Longcot, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion

10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Morning Prayer

11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Holy Communion and Baptism

3:00pm Benefice Sunday School
Ashbury, St Mary

Benefice Sunday School Sunday 17th October

St Mary's Church
Longcot

Songs, prayer, Bible story,
activities and more!

For children aged 4 – 11
years of age

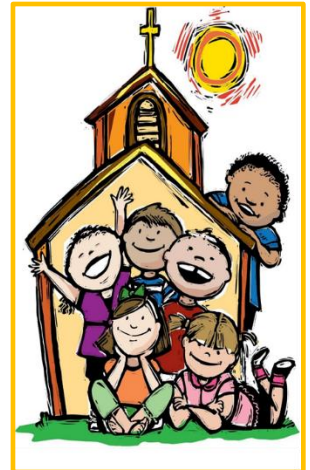
No need to book in advance
All sessions open to the
whole Benefice

Drop your child off for a
3:00pm start, then at 4:00pm
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. Parents who wish to stay for the
whole time are welcome to do so.

Next week (24th) at Ashbury.

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



Helpers Needed

Can you spare some time on a Thursday morning
(term-time only) to help with the Baby & Toddler Group
that meets in St Andrew's Church?

This could be on a rota basis so you would not have to
commit to coming every week.

Any help you can offer with the tasks below
would be greatly appreciated.

- ❶ from 8 – 9am to set up toys, tables, etc.
- ❷ from 9 – 10:30am to welcome visitors on arrival
- ❸ from 9 – 10:30am to serve tea and coffee,
and prepare snacks for the children

If you can help or would like more information
please contact Lucy Laird on 01793 783519
shrivenham.ashbury.benefice@outlook.com

Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Simon Dalton-Morris.
Please keep them in your prayers.

Shrivenham Children's Clothes Exchange

Check out their [Facebook](#) page.

Children's clothing giveaway

St Andrew's Church, Shrivenham
2nd Saturday of every month

STARTS 13 NOVEMBER



When is it?

The second Saturday of every month
9.00am - 11.00am

Come along and pick up what you need.

How much does it cost?

It's FREE

Our goals are to recycle clothing, reduce waste and save money

How do I donate?

You can donate on the day.

Please only donate clean clothing that is stain and damage free.

Do I have to donate clothes?

Nope! Just come and pick up what you need and donate if and when you can.



What age clothes will there be?

Ages 0 - 13 years

St Andrew's Annual Brass Cleaning Morning

Saturday 20th November at 9:30am.

Helpers would be appreciated. Coffee provided!

Alpha – Every Wednesday at 7:00pm

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

Alpha meets at 7:00pm every Wednesday until 15th December at the Ahern's house in Shrivenham.

Don't worry if you missed the first session - please contact Jane if you would like to come along.
01793 783521 or thestable@protonmail.com



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent MacMillan Coffee Morning in Fernham which raised £1,000 for the charity.

A Time of Reflection and Remembrance Sunday 31st October



Every year, on the Sunday nearest to All Souls, St Andrew's hosts a service of Remembrance for those we have loved and lost. The church will be open between 2pm and 6pm for anyone who wishes to come, be still and light a votive candle. The Benefice Choir will join us for a service at 5pm which will also include the opportunity to light a candle. If you are unable to attend but would like to have a candle lit on your behalf, please let us know. The candles will be used as our votive candles in the Lady Chapel in the weeks after All Souls. The service will also be streamed live on Facebook.

Would you like to learn to ring church bells?



St Mary's Church Longcot

Church bells have rung out for centuries, calling people to worship, in celebration of special occasions, in remembrance and to mark special events.

Within the Benefice we have active bands of ringers at St Mary's Ashbury, St Mary's Longcot and St Andrew's Shrivenham. Ringers come from all walks of life and generally range in age from ten to those in their eighties. Some consider ringing to be their contribution to church life, others do it for the pure pleasure it brings (and maybe the traditional visit to the pub after the weekly practice!).

We are now teaching new ringers again so please get in touch if you would like learn to ring. If there are any lapsed ringers reading this who might consider restarting, we would be pleased to hear from you too.

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