



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 24th October Trinity 21



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 24th October

Richard Fergusson is giving today's sermon.

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

- 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
Cancelled. More information

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
- 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 Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)
- 6:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
ASK Evening Prayer
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice, St Andrew's

Friday

- 9:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Matins (BCP)
- 12:30pm Watchfield, St Thomas. Funeral

Saturday

- 12:30pm Fernham, St John. Baptism

Sunday 31st October

- 10:00am Bourton, St James & Facebook
Benefice Holy Communion with Choir
- 5:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & Facebook
All Souls Service with Benefice Choir

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.

Benefice Sunday School Cancelled on Sunday 24th and Sunday 31st October

Sadly because of the Covid 19 upturn in the Benefice, we are cancelling the Sunday School due to be held in Ashbury St Mary's this coming Sunday (24th) and the Light Party on Halloween the following week (31st).

Do please come and join us once again on
**Sunday 7th October at 3pm in
Watchfield, St Thomas.**

Bereavement Café

Tuesday 26th October at 1pm at St Andrew's Vicarage
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 or Norma.

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Songs & Stories and Baby & Toddler Group

The groups that meet on Wednesday and Thursday mornings are not meeting this week as it is half-term.

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

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

New Bench in Ashbury Churchyard



With grateful thanks to the Ashbury Village Fete Committee who donated money for our new bench. The bench is now in place (thanks to Richard Green & James Reade) and there will be a short celebration in the churchyard at 11.30am on Saturday 23rd October. If you have loved ones in the churchyard please do come along and join us. We very much hope you will enjoy using the new bench.

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

Polishing the Brass at St Mary's Ashbury



Thank you to all who came along to help restore the shine on our brassware!

Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Evelyn Livingstone and June Turner. Please keep them in your prayers.



St Andrew's Shrivenham Thursday 4th November

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.

Booking is now open for the next session on Thursday 4th November from 3:15 – 5pm. Suggested donation of £1.50 per child.

Click [here](#) scan the QR code or email standfast.shrivenham@yahoo.com



Messy Church is open to the whole Benefice.

St Andrew's Annual Brass Cleaning Morning

Saturday 20th November at 9:30am. Helpers would be appreciated. Coffee provided!

Design a Christmas Card Competition

Shrivenham Station Chaplaincy Team, together with the churches of Shrivenham, Watchfield and Bourton invite all children in year 6 and under to enter our competition to design a Christmas Card.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place (£20, £10 & £5). The winning entry will be featured on a Christmas Card advertising local Christmas services.

Draw your picture on A4 paper (portrait) and don't forget to write your name, address, age and class number on the back!

Post your entry in the letterbox at Shrivenham Vicarage, St Alban's Church in Watchfield, or the collection box in the porch at St Thomas' Church in Watchfield. If you go to Shrivenham or Watchfield School you can give your design to your class teacher.

Entries must be in by Tuesday 2nd November

More information from Lucy Laird shrivenham.ashbury.benefice@outlook.com