



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 31st October All Saints



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 31st October

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

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

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

5:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
All Souls Service with Benefice Choir

Monday 1st November

12 noon Kingsdown Crematorium
Funeral - Simon Dalton-Morris

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.

12:30pm Longcot, St Mary
Thanksgiving Service - Joan Turner
Shrivenham, St Andrew & Facebook

2:00pm ASK Holy Communion

6:00pm Benefice Wardens' Meeting via Zoom

7:00pm Longcot & Fernham PCC via Zoom

7:00pm Alpha at the Ahern's.

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

Thursday

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

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

3:15pm Messy Church in St Andrew's

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

Friday

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

10:30am Royal British Legion Coffee Morning
St Andrew's, Shrivenham.
All welcome.

Saturday

10:00am Bourton, St James
Family Service

12:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew. Baptism

Sunday 7th November

7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)

9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Holy Communion (BCP)

9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Family Service

9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Family Service with Baptism

3:00pm Benefice Sunday School
Watchfield, St Thomas followed by
refreshments in the Village Hall

3:00pm Longcot Methodist Chapel
United Service

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

Benefice Sunday School Cancelled on Sunday 31st October

Sadly because of the Covid 19 upturn in the Benefice, we are cancelling the Sunday School Light Party due to be held on Sunday 31st October.

Do please come and join us once again on

**Sunday 7th November at 3pm in
Watchfield, St Thomas.**

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.

Royal British Legion Coffee Morning

St Andrews Church Shrivenham
Friday 5th November
from 10:30am to noon.

A chance to support the Royal British Legion, get your poppy and enjoy cake and a cuppa!
All welcome.



Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

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

Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Simon Dalton Morris, Evelyn Livingstone, Joan Turner and Derek Crabtree. Please keep them in your prayers.

New Bench in Ashbury Churchyard



The new bench in use following the dedication on Saturday 23rd October.

Ashbury Church Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 27th November at 2pm in the Village Hall
We are delighted to confirm that we are planning to hold our annual Christmas Bazaar this year, subject to there being no further Covid restrictions. Lots of stalls including cakes, books, gifts, cards, toys and games, and our mammoth raffle! All proceeds to St Mary's church

Operation Christmas Child



In 2021, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoebox gifts to reach another 9.7 million children. Anyone can pack a shoebox. Individuals, families, churches and groups fill empty shoeboxes with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys. Our Benefice collection point is St Mary's, Ashbury. You can pick up a 'How to Pack Your Shoebox' leaflet which gives guidance on what can and can't be included from the porch. Bring your shoebox to the Shoebox Sunday service in St Mary's at 11.00am on Sunday 21st November, or drop it off in the porch any time before that date. Visit the Samaritan's Purse website for more information, or to send a pre-packed shoebox. www.samaritans-purse.org.uk

Congratulations



Keith Reid with Bishop Gavin at Dorchester Abbey, where Keith was welcomed into the Fellowship of St Birinus in recognition of his long and outstanding service to Longcot with Fernham PCC and Longcot Village Trust, particularly the successful completion of the reordering work to make St Mary's church a modern hub for the whole community



St Andrew's Shrivenham
Thursday 4th November from 3:15 – 5pm

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. Suggested donation of £1.50 per child.

To book click [here](#), scan the QR code or email standfast.shrivenham@yahoo.com

Messy Church is open to the whole Benefice.



Welcome



Welcome to Thea Avery who was baptised at St Mary's Ashbury on Sunday 24th October.