



# The Shrevenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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**Sunday 14th November**

**Remembrance Sunday**



**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.

## **Remembrance Sunday 14th November**

Canon Paul Richardson is giving today's sermon.

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

- 7:45am Shrevenham, St Andrew Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Watchfield War Memorial Act of Remembrance
- 10:15am Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#) Remembrance Service including Act of Remembrance at War Memorial at 11am
- 10:30am Longcot, St Mary Remembrance Service
- 10:50am Ashbury War Memorial Act of Remembrance
- 11:00am Compton Beauchamp War Memorial Act of Remembrance
- 12 noon Bourton War Memorial Act of Remembrance
- 3:00pm Fernham, St John's Churchyard Act of Remembrance
- 5:30pm Shrevenham, St Andrew & Facebook Compline and Benediction

## **Tuesday**

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 6:00pm Bereavement Café at Rose-Anne's [roseanne.o@outlook.com](mailto:roseanne.o@outlook.com) 01793 784017

## **Wednesday**

- 9:00am Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#) Morning Prayer
- 9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group Shrevenham Methodist Church
- 10:30am Wednesday Study Group 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
- 6:00pm Benefice Choir Practice, St Andrew's

## **Friday**

- 9:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#) Matins (BCP)
- 1:00pm Shrevenham, St Andrew Funeral – Derek Crabtree
- 5:30pm Shrevenham, St Andrew Worship and Praise

## **Ashbury Cycle of Prayer**

Please pray for all who live and work in High Street.

## **Sunday 21st November**

- 7:45am Shrevenham, 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 Shrevenham, St Andrew Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary Shoebox Sunday

**Canon Paul Richardson is on leave this week and will be back on duty on Saturday 20th November.**

Please contact Rev'd Norma Fergusson for pastoral issues, and your local churchwarden or the Benefice Administrator for other church enquiries.

## **Operation Christmas Child**



Our Benefice collection points are St Mary's Ashbury and St Andrew's Shrevenham, where you can also pick up a 'How to Pack Your Shoebox' leaflet which gives guidance on what can and can't be included.

Bring your shoebox to the Shoebox Sunday service in St Mary's at 11.00am on Sunday 21st November, or drop it off in either church 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](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk)

## **Ashbury Church Christmas Bazaar**

Saturday 27th November at 2pm in the Village Hall

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

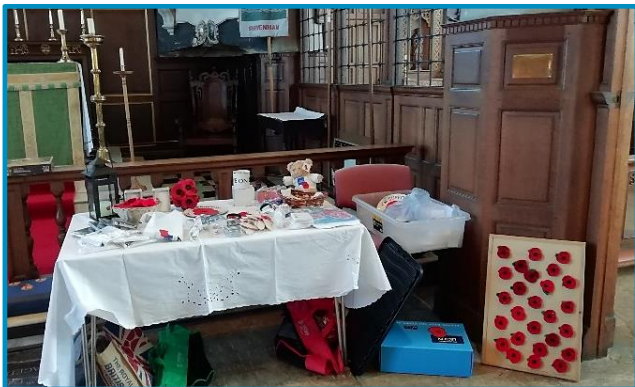
### Thank You

to everyone who supported the Royal British Legion and Home Instead coffee morning at St Andrew's on Friday 5th November, either by donating cakes, books, raffle prizes etc. or by buying them!



We raised £500 from the stalls, refreshments and donations – and we know there will be even more when the official collection boxes are opened.

Your generosity is quite overwhelming and we are all very grateful.



### Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Margaret Cooke, formerly of Vicarage Lane, Shrivvenham. Please keep them in your prayers.

### Welcome

Welcome to Rosie Louise Cross and Lara Jennifer Alyssa Noquet who were baptised on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th November respectively, both at St Andrew's Shrivvenham

### St Andrew's Annual Brass Cleaning Morning

Saturday 20th November at 9:30am.

Helpers would be appreciated. Coffee provided!

### Advent Calendars, Candles & Christmas Cards

Margaret Hern has a good selection of Christmas Christian charity cards, and Advent calendars and candles for sale from the Lighthouse Book Shop.

Ring Margaret to arrange a time to visit.

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### Coffee Concert given by The Torriano Ensemble

St Mary's Church Longcot

Sunday 28th November at 11:30 am

The Torriano Ensemble, a group of professional musicians, will be playing Beethoven's Septet for clarinet, horn, bassoon and strings.

There will be a brief talk with musical illustrations before the performance.

Free admission – retiring collection in aid of the charity 'EMBRACE the Middle East' and also towards urgent repairs to St. Mary's churchyard wall.

Tea, coffee and cakes will be served from 11 am and after the concert. All seats need to be reserved in advance by contacting [victorialmedcalf@gmail.com](mailto:victorialmedcalf@gmail.com)

### Soup On Saturday

Saturday 4th December from 12 noon - 2pm

St Andrew's Church Shrivvenham

Come along for a mug of soup and a natter.

A selection of Christmas cards, edible gifts, handicrafts and decorations will be on sale.

In aid of St Andrew's Church.

### Silence

A sonnet for Remembrance Day  
by Malcolm Guite.

November pierces with its bleak remembrance  
Of all the bitterness and waste of war.  
Our silence tries but fails to make a semblance  
Of that lost peace they thought worth fighting for.  
Our silence seethes instead with wraiths and whispers,  
And all the restless rumour of new wars,  
The shells are falling all around our vespers,  
No moment is unscarred, there is no pause,  
In every instant bloodied innocence  
Falls to the weary earth, and whilst we stand  
Quiescence ends again in acquiescence,  
And Abel's blood still cries in every land  
One silence only might redeem that blood  
Only the silence of a dying God.



Porch at St Thomas, Watchfield



Post Box at Ashbury Crossroads