



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## Sunday 2nd January 2022 Epiphany



**Wearing a face covering is mandatory. Please don't come to church if you think you may have symptoms of Covid.**

Please sign in or use the QR code and continue to observe social distancing. Hand sanitiser is available.

Holy Communion will be offered in one kind only.

### Sunday 2nd January

Richard 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 Longcot, St Mary  
Family Service
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Morning Prayer
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary.  
Morning Prayer
- 3:00pm Longcot Methodist Chapel  
United Service
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & Facebook.  
Vespers and Benediction

### 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
- 2:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & Facebook  
ASK Holy Communion

### Thursday

- 9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on Facebook
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

### Friday

- 9:00am Ashbury, St Mary & Facebook.  
Matins (BCP)

### Sunday

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- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Holy Communion
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- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary.  
Holy Communion
- 3:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas  
Benefice Sunday School

**Rev'd Norma Fergusson is off duty from Monday 3rd January until Friday 14th January.**

Please contact Canon Paul Richardson for pastoral issues, and your local churchwarden or the Benefice Administrator for other church enquiries.

### **Community Cycles of Prayer**

There are many cycles of prayer in the church year and one of the most important is that of praying intentionally for our local communities – schools, businesses, families and friends. Ashbury has done this for some years and now we are introducing Shrivenham into the cycle. Other villages will follow. This week please pray for all who live and work in Station Road Ashbury and Alexander Way Shrivenham.

### **Wednesday Study Groups**

The online Zoom group will restart on 12th January at 10.30am. The group that meets at the Vicarage restarts on 19th January at 7pm.

We will be looking at 'Holy Habits', an adventure in Christian discipleship based upon Luke's picture of the early church in Acts 2:42-47. It explores and encourages the practice of ten disciplines, or holy habits: biblical teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, prayer, sharing resources, serving, eating together, gladness and generosity, worship and making more disciples.

If you would like to join either group, please contact the Benefice Administrator (Lucy Laird).  
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### **Benefice Sunday School**

Children from across the Benefice are welcome to attend our monthly Sunday School at St Thomas' Church Watchfield, and "Come and See with Cake and Tea" in the Village Hall to celebrate all they have done!

**The next session is on January 9th.**

Drop your child off for a 3pm start and then at 4pm 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. Parent/s who wish to stay for the whole time are very welcome to do so.

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



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