



The Shrevenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 27th March 2022 Mothering Sunday

Please do not come into church if you think you may have symptoms of Covid 19.

Wearing a face covering indoors is no longer mandatory but we would encourage you to exercise discretion, especially in larger services or smaller churches.

Please respect the concerns of others in the congregation, and continue to observe social distancing where possible. Hand sanitizer is available.

Holy Communion will be offered in one kind only.

Mothering Sunday 27th March

We are sharing Bishop Steven's weekly 'Come and See' films as our sermons during Lent.

This week we are also sharing a Mothering Sunday sermon from Padre Phil Craven.

Watch them both on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or our [website](#) from 9:00am

- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#).
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Family Service
- 10:15am Shrevenham, St Andrew
Morning Prayer
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Family Communion

Tuesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 1:00pm Bereavement Café
Venue to be confirmed

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 Wednesday Study Group
St Andrew's Vicarage

Thursday

- 9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)
- 3:15pm Shrevenham, St Andrew
Messy Church
- 6:00pm Shrevenham, St Andrew
ASK Evening Prayer
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's
- 7:45pm Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Compline for Lent

Friday

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

Saturday

- 10:00am Bourton, St James
Family Service
- 11:00am Compton Beauchamp PCC Meeting

Sunday 3rd April

- 7:45am Shrevenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Matins (BCP)
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Family Service
- 10:15am Shrevenham, St Andrew
Family Service
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Morning Prayer
- 2:30pm Shrevenham, St Andrew
Baptism
- 3:00pm Longcot Methodist Chapel
United Service
- 5:30pm Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Compline and Benediction

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for all who live and work in Idstone Road in Ashbury, and Colton Road in Shrevenham.

The Vault Under the Porch An Illustrated Talk by Margaret Andrews



Wednesday 30th March at 7:30pm
St Andrew's Church, Shrevenham

In 2020 the long lost and almost forgotten Barrington family burial vault was rediscovered at St Andrew's.

Come along and hear about its rediscovery and the Barringtons buried there.

Free Admission. Bar and Raffle.
Donations in aid of St Andrew's Restoration Project

Bereavement Café in Shrivenham

Tuesday 29th March at 1pm

Venue to be confirmed.

All are welcome and there is no charge.

We meet to talk, share our stories
and have a cuppa together.

If you want to know more or have any questions,
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Annual Churchyard Clearance at Ashbury



A well-deserved coffee break during the annual Churchyard clearance last Saturday, a beautiful Spring morning, where a record number of 34 people (plus two children and a dog!) helped with this annual community project which has shown such rewards over the years.

This year it was very much a consolidation of the work that had been achieved in previous years although there were an amazing number of twigs and branches to be cleared follow the recent gales.

Church Electoral Rolls

Church electoral rolls will be revised before the annual parish meetings. Please let your parish Electoral Roll Officer know if your contact details have changed since last year. If you would like to join the electoral roll, please contact your church's PCC Secretary or Churchwarden, or pick up an application form in church.

Annual Parish Meetings

Shrivenham, W & B Tuesday 19th April 6:30pm

Compton Beauchamp Saturday 30th April 11am

Longcot & Fernham Tuesday 10th May 6pm

Ashbury Tuesday 24th May 7pm

All welcome

Support for Ukrainian Refugees

The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) charities and their local partners in Ukraine and neighbouring countries are providing food, water, shelter and medical assistance. To make a cash donation visit <https://donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>

More information on the Government's Homes for Ukraine Scheme can be found here

<https://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk/>

Please contact your Parish Council for information on local schemes being set up to help refugees.

Dedication of Fernham War Memorial



Brian Buchan DL, the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, dedicated the new Fernham war memorial on Sunday 20th March. Flanked by the Colour Party of the local Royal British Legion, Brian gave a moving speech to the villagers about the need to remember those who have given their lives for others and commended the village team that created and delivered this wonderful memorial. He also thanked those who had provided food and drink for refreshments.

A generous collection of over £120 was donated to Combat Stress, the Ex-Services Mental Welfare Charity.



Some 101 years since the end of the First World War, the memorial sets out the ten names of those from the village that gave their lives in both World Wars. Engraved in the memorial is the Kohima Epitaph (When you go home, tell them of us, and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today) and the outline of a First world War soldier, arms reversed. Each of the designs were cut out by laser in special steel that is designed to have surface rust (like the Angel of the North). The memorial was designed by former villager Dale Wyatt of Juicy Designs. In the afternoon sunlight, the sun projects the names and images onto the church wall.



Neil Sutherland

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