



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 22nd May 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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. Hand sanitizer is available.

Holy Communion will be offered in one kind only.

Sunday 22nd May

Richard Fergusson is giving today's sermon. Watch on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or our [website](#) from 9am.

- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion by Extension
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion

Tuesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 7:00pm Ashbury APCM in Church

Wednesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group
Shrivenham Methodist Church
- 10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
- 1:45pm Watchfield, St Thomas
Funeral – Alec Dickinson
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group
St Andrew's Vicarage

Thursday

- 9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)
- 10:30 am Bourton, St James
Funeral - Leslie Frederick French
- 3:15pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Messy Church
- 7:00pm Longcot, St Mary & Facebook
Holy Communion for Ascension Day
with the Benefice Choir

Friday

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

Sunday 29th May

11:00am Longcot, St Mary & Facebook
Benefice Holy Communion with Choir
followed by the Dedication of St Mary's
Community Hub

The Venerable Judy French, Archdeacon of Dorchester, will lead the service. The Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, Mrs Marjorie Glasgow BEM, will be attending and will unveil a plaque at the official opening ceremony which follows the service.

All are welcome at the service but due to seating constraints there is a limit on numbers, so please contact Lucy Laird to book a seat.

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After the service ends there will be a 10-minute window between 12:10pm and 12:20pm for other villagers who wish to join the congregation and the Lord-Lieutenant will then formally open the Community Hub at 12.20pm. This will be an opportunity to look at the new facilities and enjoy some light refreshments. No booking is required and, again, all are welcome.

Holy Communion

As most members of our congregations know, since we returned to public worship after the first lockdown in July 2020, we have received Communion in only one kind during services of Holy Communion. It is now permissible to share the chalice again, so we have decided to offer Communion in two kinds (bread and wine) from Pentecost this year, Sunday 5th June.

The opportunity for the whole People of God to receive both bread and wine has been a crucial principle of Reformed churches since the sixteenth century; we are glad not to have to suspend this opportunity any longer. However, it's also important to know that God gives the fullness of grace in Communion, however we receive it. There is no pressure to receive the chalice if you prefer not to.

Jubilee Concert - Saturday 21st May

A few seats are still available for the concert in St Mary's Church, Longcot. More details on page 2.



Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for all who live and work in Walnut Trees Hill in Ashbury, and Farleigh Road in Shrivenham.

Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Leslie Frederick French. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Jubilee Concert
with the Clarinet Collective
Saturday 21st May**

St Mary's Church Longcot at 6:30 pm
'Rose, Leek, Thistle and Shamrock'

The programme will include music from all four parts of the UK, in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

There will also be works by English composers through the ages, from Byrd and Purcell to Vaughan Williams and Elgar, and some 20th century pieces inspired by Celtic and English folk music.

At the other end of the musical spectrum are some lighter numbers, including Jack Strachey's ever popular piece 'In Party Mood', which was theme tune for BBC radio's Housewives Choice in the year of the coronation of Elizabeth II.

Admission is free with a retiring collection, but places will need to be reserved in advance by email to victorialmedcalf@gmail.com.

Profits will go to the Longcot Village Trust fund in order to support future community projects in the Village.



**Miraculous Rescue
Required**

I bought a beautiful antique Altar cloth from America. It was not very clean and in a moment of thoughtlessness

I put it in the washing machine without putting it in a protective net bag. It is shredded! Rather than act as a constant reminder of my hubris and haste, is there anyone who has the patience to try and mend it? Whoever mends it can put it in the church of their choice.

Joanna Lambert 07990 898 175

Sustainable Shrivenham

Sustainable Shrivenham are holding an online auction to raise funds for the Community Hub they are setting up in the old Lloyds Bank premises in Shrivenham High Street.

Live online from 21st – 31st May

www.jumblebee.co.uk/thehubfundraiser

St Andrew's Shrivenham
Thursday 26th May 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
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**Messy Church is open to
the whole Benefice.**



Wonderful Flowers!

Thank you to Shirley, Rosemary and the team who arranged the 'Rose, Leek, Thistle and Shamrock' themed flowers for the Clarinet Collective Concert in Longcot Church on Saturday 21st May. Do call in and admire them if you're passing the church!

