



# The Shrevenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## Sunday 5th June 2022 Pentecost

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

Please respect the concerns of others in the congregation. Hand sanitizer is available.

### Sunday 5th June Pentecost

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

- 7:45am Shrevenham, 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  
Holy Communion by Extension
- 11:00am Shrevenham, St Andrew  
United Service for the Jubilee  
Do join us for songs of prayer and praise followed by a bring your own picnic lunch.
- 4:00pm Ashbury Village Green  
A short thanksgiving service for the Queen and the village including the blessing of the Platinum Jubilee Oak Tree.
- 5:30pm Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Choral Evensong with the Benefice Choir

### Tuesday

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)

### Wednesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 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 Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)
- 10:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

### Friday

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

### Saturday 11th

- 9:00am Children's Clothing Giveaway  
St Andrew's Church Shrevenham
- 10:00am Café Inspire in Shrevenham School Hall
- 1:30pm Watchfield, St Thomas  
Baptism

### Trinity Sunday 12th June RSCM Music Sunday

- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & Facebook  
Matins (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrevenham, St Andrew & Facebook  
Holy Communion with Choir
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Holy Communion
- 3:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas  
Benefice Sunday School

### Return to Offering Holy Communion in Both Kinds

Since returning to public worship after the first lockdown in July 2020, we have offered Communion in only one kind during services. The national church is now strongly encouraging us to return to offering Communion in both kinds, so as a Benefice we will offer wine again from Sunday 5th June.

The first thing to say is that receiving both bread and wine is not mandatory. The church teaches that God gives the fullness of grace in Communion, however we receive it, so please don't feel pressured to receive the chalice if you don't feel comfortable doing so.

We will continue the practice of wearing masks and using hand sanitiser during the prayers of consecration and the distribution. This will also apply to lay administrators of the cup. The rim of the cup will be cleaned after each communicant has received.

We will no longer bring communion to people in their pews. If you wish to receive Communion, please come to the altar rail at the distribution, standing or kneeling as you prefer, but maintaining a safe distance between communicants. Please wait until everyone at the rail has received before coming forward to the altar rail. This will make it easier for us to know who has and has not received.

If you don't wish to share the common cup, please stay at the rail until communion has been offered in both kinds, crossing your arms over your chest with hands pointing towards your shoulders to indicate that you do not wish to receive the cup.

We understand that setting out the procedure like this can make it sound more complex than it is, but we want everyone to feel safe and "baby steps" seem to be the best way of achieving this. It will soon feel normal.

In case you were wondering, the Church of England does not currently permit the use of individual cups. Also, intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) is considered to be less safe than sharing the cup so we are not offering it at this time. If you have any other questions, please ask!

### Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for all who live and work in Ashbury Hill, and Friar's Close in Shrevenham.

**Benefice Sunday School – Sunday 12th June**

St Thomas' Church Watchfield at 3pm  
followed by refreshments in the Village Hall at 4pm  
Open to all children aged 4 – 11 in the Benefice.

**Christian Aid Week**

**Thank You** to all who contributed to the collection at the recent united service at Shrivenham Methodist Church. £507.50 was raised in support of Christian Aid.

**The Opening of the Community Hub in St Mary's Church Longcot on Sunday 29th May**  
with Marjorie Neasham Glasgow BEM, the Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire  
and the Venerable Judy French, Archdeacon of Dorchester



Thanks to Digby Oldridge for taking the photos.