



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## Sunday 16th October 2022

## Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

**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 16th October

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

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun  
Matins (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Morning Prayer
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas.  
Matins (BCP)
- 10:00am Bourton, St James  
Holy Communion with Baptism
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Taizé Service
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Choral Evensong with the Benefice Choir  
and guests from around the Deanery

### Tuesday

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

### 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

1:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Funeral – Ian Richardson RIP

7:00pm Wednesday Study Group  
St Andrew's Vicarage

### Thursday

9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's

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

6:00pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

### Friday

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

5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Worship and Praise

### Saturday 22nd October

2:00pm Living in Love and Faith  
St Andrew's Vicarage

### Sunday 23rd October

9:30am Longcot, St Mary

Holy Communion

9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Holy Communion by Extension (BCP)

10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew

Morning Prayer

11:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion

### Deanery Choral Evensong

St Andrew's Church, Shrivenham

Sunday 16th October at 5:30pm



On Sunday, the Benefice Choir will be joined by an organist and singers from across the Deanery for a special Choral Evensong. Arranged as an opportunity to sing and worship together, as well as to support choral singing across our churches, the service will also mark the 150th anniversary of the birth of Ralph Vaughan Williams, the composer of many of our best loved hymn tunes.

The Benefice Choir is a group of enthusiastic amateurs who meet in St Andrew's every Thursday at 6:30pm for an hour to practice, and who enjoy serving worship across our Benefice on at least one Sunday a month.

We now have singers from Ashbury and Fernham, as well as Shrivenham, and are always keen to welcome new members. The ability to read music is NOT required; we learn everything together. If you are interested in joining the choir, please do speak to one of the members or email [chartley.music@gmail.com](mailto:chartley.music@gmail.com)

We hope you can join us on Sunday and that you stay afterwards for a glass of wine.

### Collection Plate

Some of our churches are returning to circulating the collection plate during services.

There are lots of ways to contribute to your local church – cash, card, text, direct debit through the Parish Giving Scheme – and we are grateful for all of them. If you already donate in other ways, please don't feel obliged to put cash in the plate as well.

If you would like to find out more about supporting your church through regular giving, please ask a churchwarden about which schemes are in use locally.

### Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Tony Miles. Please keep them in your prayers.

### Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Berrycroft in Ashbury, and Stallpits Lane and Stallpits Road in Shrivenham.

### A Time of Reflection and Remembrance Sunday 30th October



Every year, on the Sunday nearest to All Souls, St Andrew's hosts a service of Remembrance for those we have loved and lost. The church will be open between 2pm and 6pm for anyone who wishes to come, be still and light a votive candle.

The Benefice Choir will join us for a service at 5pm which will also include the opportunity to light a candle.

If you are unable to attend but would like to have a candle lit on your behalf, please let us know.

The candles will be used as our votive candles in the Lady Chapel in the weeks after All Souls.

The service will also be streamed live on Facebook.

Support your local church or the Benefice as a whole with a text donation using the numbers below.

#### For Ashbury

Text **STMARYS 5** to **70085** to donate **£5**

Text **STMARYS 10** to **70085** to donate **£10**

#### For Shrivenham, Watchfield & Bourton

Text **SWB** to **70460** to donate **£5**

Text **SWB** to **70450** to donate **£10**

#### For Longcot and Fernham

Text **LONGCOT** to **70085** to donate **£4**

#### For the Benefice as a whole

Text **GIVEfive** to **70470** to donate **£5**

Text **GIVEten** to **70470** to donate **£10**

Your standard text message rate applies.

**Thank you!**

### Concert – The Torriano Ensemble

Sunday 16th October at 6pm  
in St Mary's Church Longcot

The programme features music for the relatively unusual but very sonorous combination of two clarinets, two horns and two bassoons, which should sound particularly well in the lovely acoustic of St Mary's.

Beethoven's effervescent Sextet Op 76 and Mozart's sublime Serenade in E flat K. 375 are teamed with a contrasting 20th century work by the Hungarian composer Matyas Seiber, described in the Edinburgh Review as 'quite scrumptious: warmly lyrical, sometimes pastoral, with some influences from jazz rhythms and a lot of influences from Hungarian folk music.'

Free admission. Donations in aid of Longcot Village Trust to support future community projects. The bar will be open from 5.30pm for drinks before the concert and also at the interval.

All seats need to be reserved in advance by contacting [victorialmedcalf@gmail.com](mailto:victorialmedcalf@gmail.com)

### New Gates for St Thomas Church in Watchfield



The old front gates to St Thomas Churchyard were installed in May 1990, a gift in memory of Bob Coyle from his relatives and friends. His widow Maureen has generously funded these hardwood replacements which should last for many years to come.

Thank you Maureen!

### Unusual things you didn't know about World War 2

Friday 18th November  
at 7:30pm in St John's Church Fernham

A presentation by local historian Tom Arnold including how Britain stopped Japan from acquiring an atomic bomb, the submarine that sank a train and the greatest loss of life at sea ever (not the Titanic!).

Free admission to include cheese and wine.  
Donations in aid of St John's Church and the Village Hall