



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 23rd October 2022

Bible Sunday

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 23rd October Bible Sunday

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

- 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

Tuesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 1:00pm Bereavement Café at St Andrew's Vicarage

Wednesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group
St Andrew's Vicarage
- 7:00pm Benefice Wardens' Meeting in St Andrew's

Thursday

- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
ASK Evening Prayer
- 6:00pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

Friday

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

Sunday 30th October

- 10:00am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)
Benefice Holy Communion (BCP)
with the Benefice Choir
- 5:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
A Time of Reflection and Remembrance
All Souls Service with the Benefice Choir

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.

If you would like to have the name of a loved one recorded in the Book of Remembrance that is on display in the Lady Chapel in St Andrew's Church, please contact the Benefice Administrator (Lucy Laird) for an application form: 01793 783519 or shrivenham.ashbury.benefice@outlook.com

Community Cycle of Prayer

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

Songs & Stories and Baby & Toddler Group

The groups that meet on Wednesday and Thursday mornings are not meeting this week as it is half-term.

Living in Love and Faith – Postponed

Please note that this course has been postponed.

Condolences

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

Bereavement Café

Tuesday 25th October at 1pm at St Andrew's Vicarage

An informal, friendly get-together for anyone who has been bereaved at any time.



Come for a cuppa, a chat and mutual support. Open to all, regardless of faith or beliefs. There is no charge.

More information from Rose-Anne or Norma.

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Design a Christmas Card Competition

Shrivenham Station Chaplaincy Team, together with the churches of Shrivenham, Watchfield and Bourton invite all children in year 6 and under to enter our competition to design a Christmas Card.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place (£20, £10 & £5)

The winning entry will be featured on a Christmas Card advertising local Christmas services, which will be delivered to all houses in Shrivenham, Watchfield and Bourton.

Draw your picture on A4 paper (portrait) and don't forget to write your name, address, age and class number on the back!

Post your entry in the letterbox at Shrivenham Vicarage, St Alban's Church in Watchfield, or the collection box in the porch at St Thomas' Church in Watchfield. If you go to Shrivenham or Watchfield School you can give your design to your class teacher.

Entries must be in by Wednesday 2nd November

More information from Lucy Laird
shrivenham.ashbury.benefice@outlook.com

An Evening with 'Shrivenham Ladies Choir' and 'After Eight Glee Club'

Friday 25th November at 7.30pm
St Andrew's Church Shrivenham

A light-hearted programme featuring a mix of traditional and modern songs from 'Shrivenham Ladies Choir' and the male ensemble 'After Eight Glee Club'.

Tickets £10 on sale soon. Bar and Raffle
In aid of Church Funds

Operation Christmas Child



Pack a Shoebox Gift for a Child in Need

We are once again supporting Operation Christmas Child by collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts for children. Our Benefice collection points are St Mary's Ashbury and St Andrew's Shrivenham, where you can also pick up a 'How to Pack Your Shoebox' leaflet which gives guidance on what can and can't be included.

Bring your shoebox to the Shoebox Sunday service in St Mary's at 11.00am on Sunday 20th November, or drop it off in either church any time before that date.

More information from
Maggie Simons 01793 710801
or the Samaritan's Purse website,
where you can also purchase a pre-packed shoebox.
www.samaritans-purse.org.uk

St Andrew's Annual Brass Cleaning Morning

Saturday 26th November at 9am.
Helpers would be appreciated. Coffee provided!

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

Choral Evensong in St Andrew's Church



Last Sunday, the Benefice Choir were joined by an organist and singers from across the Deanery for a special Choral Evensong in St Andrew's Shrivenham. Here they are before the service started. The service is still available to watch on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/beneficechoir) if you couldn't attend or missed the live stream.