



The Shrevenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 4th December 2022

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 4th December

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
9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion (BCP)
9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion by Extension
10:15am Shrevenham, St Andrew.
Family Service
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary.
Morning Prayer
3:00pm Longcot Methodist Chapel. United Service
5:30pm Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Vespers and Benediction

Tuesday

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
11:30am Longcot, St Mary
Funeral – Julie Richards RIP
7:30pm All PCCs – Section 12 Meeting
Shrevenham, St Andrew

Wednesday

9:00am Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Morning Prayer
9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group
Shrevenham Methodist Church
2:00pm Shrevenham, St Andrew & Facebook
ASK Holy Communion
10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
7:00pm Wednesday Study Group
12 Chapelwick Close Shrevenham
01793 783481

Thursday

9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
10:00am Ashbury, St Mary & Facebook
Holy Communion
6:00pm Benefice Choir Practice
in St Andrew's Shrevenham
7:45pm Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Compline for Advent

Friday

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

Saturday

10:00am Café Inspire in Shrevenham School Hall

Please note there is no Children's Clothes Exchange this month.

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 11th December

9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion
10:15am Shrevenham, St Andrew.
Holy Communion
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
3:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas
Carol Service with the Benefice Choir
and handbells
5:45pm Shrevenham, St Andrew
Christingle
followed by Carols Around the Tree
6:15pm Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Carol Service with the Benefice Choir
and handbells

What's Your Favourite Carol?

This year during Advent we are asking people to tell us about their favourite Christmas carol or hymn and will be sharing one on our [Facebook](#) page every day until Christmas.

There will be a mix of old and new, some familiar others less well-known.

There is a short video introduction and a link to a specially chosen version on YouTube.

You don't need a Facebook account to watch.



Community Cycle of Prayer

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

St Andrew's Baby and Toddler Group



The session on Thursday 8th December is a pre-booked Christmas Party, and the last time the group meets before taking a break until January.

Bottle Tombola

in Aid of St Thomas' Church Watchfield

The church will be running a bottle tombola in aid of St Thomas at the annual Christmas Fayre at Watchfield Village Hall on Saturday 3rd December. It is open from 10am till 2pm.

St Andrew's Annual Brass Cleaning Morning



Thank you to all the polishers who helped to put the shine back on our brassware in St Andrew's.



Also special thanks to Chris Taylor for braving the ladder and scaffold tower to dismantle and reassemble the chandeliers!



Shrivenham Warm Spaces Initiative

Are you struggling to heat your home? Would you like somewhere warm to go in the winter?

The following places will be warm and open at the times shown below.

St Andrews Church: every day until dusk except during services and Thursday mornings.

The Methodist Church: Wednesdays from 9am till noon, and Fridays from 10am to 1pm.

The Barrington Room at the Memorial Hall: weekdays from 1pm to 5pm.



Community Art Club

Shrivenham Methodist Church

Every Friday from 10am - 12 noon

Coffee, chat and creative experiments.

Absolutely no skills or experience needed.

Equipment and art materials provided.

All are welcome to join us for fun and inspiration!

Opening 5th Dec

Watchfield & Shrivenham Community Larder



St Alban's Church - open to all

Mon: 1000 - 1200 | Wed: 1230 - 1430 | Fri: 1600 - 1800

The Community Larder has been created to ensure that everyone has enough food, waste is reduced, and no one has to go without.

Food donations welcome at the **Jubilee Centre, St Alban's Church** (during Community Larder opening hours), and **Building 43** for DefAc Staff.
Monetary donations gratefully received via bank transfer to:
Sort Code: 30-13-35 | Acc No: 01202538

Contact Leigh Hyde for any queries: leigh.hyde@da.mod.uk | 07920 162664

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Pathways Magazine

The Winter edition of the magazine will be arriving in our churches from 11th December.

Features include a useful piece on improving your resilience and speculation about what Jesus would do if he were chancellor.

An article on reconciliation will help anyone seeking to love their neighbour when that is challenging.

There's also a guide to finance in our Diocese and how that money helps our churches and schools to thrive.

Pathways is produced by the Diocese of Oxford



Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Barrington Michael Vaughan, Julie Ann Richards, Rosie Tilling and Savi Guha-Thakurta. Please keep them in your prayers.



Advent Calendars, Candles and Christmas Cards

Margaret Hern has a good selection of Christian charity Christmas cards, Advent calendars and candles for sale from the Lighthouse Book Shop.

Margaret lives in Shrivenham. Ring her to arrange a time to visit 01793 782100