



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 29th January 2023

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

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 29th January

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

10:00am Longcot, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Benefice Holy Communion with Choir

Tuesday

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
1:00pm Bereavement Café
5 Martens Road, Shrivenham

Wednesday 1st February

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group
Shrivenham Methodist Church
10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
2:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
ASK Holy Communion
7:00pm Wednesday Study Group
St Andrew's Vicarage

Thursday

9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
3:15pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Messy Church
6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

Friday

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

Saturday

10:00am Bourton, St James.
Family Service

Sunday 5th February

7:45am Shrivenham, 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
10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Family Service
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Morning Prayer
3:00pm Longcot Methodist Chapel
United Service
5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Choral Evensong with Benefice Choir

Soup On Saturday

28th January
from 12 noon - 2pm

St Andrew's Church
Shrivenham

Come along for a mug
of homemade soup
and a natter.



Sale table and raffle.

Photo cards by Sylvia Berry-Benton and
hand-drawn cards by Ruth Gerring.

In aid of St Andrew's Church.

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work
in Walnut Trees Hill in Ashbury, and Canon Hills
Gardens and Catherine Close in Shrivenham.

Can You Help?

We need old CDs and small jam jars for some of the
activities at Messy Church on Thursday 2nd February.
Please drop them off in St Andrew's Church.

Baby and Toddler Group – New Leader Required

One of the two group leaders is leaving in March
and the group will have to close unless they can
find another leader to assist with the organisation
and weekly running of the group.

If you would like to volunteer or find out more about
what is involved, please contact Jane Hollick
on 07779 656 767.



St Andrew's Shrivenham
Thursday 2nd February
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
standfast.shrivenham@yahoo.com

**Messy Church is open to
the whole Benefice.**



Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Ian Gillies Bell and Richard Gleave. Please keep them in your prayers.

Puzzles and Puddings Evening

Saturday 18th February at 7:30pm
Shrivenham Bowls Club in Martens Road

Tickets: £10 per person including puddings available from Bob Mawer on 01793 780038 or email bob.mawer.bm@gmail.com.

The Bowls Club bar will also be open.

Teams of up to 6 people will enjoy a mixture of quiz questions and puzzles. You may come as a team or as individuals (in which case you will be allocated to a team on the night). Early booking is advised.

The aim of this event is to raise much-needed funds for Phakamisa, a charity in South Africa which, through its Educare Project, educates and cares for around 10,000 children under the age of seven (mainly AIDS orphans) every week-day. More information from www.phakamisa.org

New Archdeacon of Dorchester



The Revd Canon David Tyler has been appointed as the new Archdeacon of Dorchester. David has been Acting Archdeacon for Dorchester since October, following the retirement of Archdeacon Judy, and served as Associate Archdeacon of Dorchester for two years prior to this.

Prayer Space in St Andrew's Church

With the help of the charity BeSpace, we've been turning three of our churches into the land of Narnia from the CS Lewis books. We use scenes and characters from the books to let the children from our primary schools explore different ways of praying, and how they can use these to speak with God.

This week it was Shrivenham Primary School's turn to visit Narnia.

