



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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**Sunday 19th March 2023**

**Mothering 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.

## **Mothering Sunday 19th March**

We are sharing Bishop Steven's weekly 'Come and See' films as our sermons during Lent.

Watch on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or our [website](#) from 9am.

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun  
Matins
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Morning Prayer
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas.  
Matins
- 10:00am Bourton, St James  
Holy Communion by Extension
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Mothering Sunday Service

### **Monday**

- 6:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Compline for Lent
- 7:30pm Ringing Practice & AGM in St Andrew's

### **Tuesday**

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 7:00pm Ashbury PCC Meeting

### **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
- 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  
Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Messy Church
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

### **Friday**

- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 1:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Funeral – Ronald Fone RIP

### **Saturday**

- 9:00am Men's Breakfast  
Rose and Crown, Ashbury

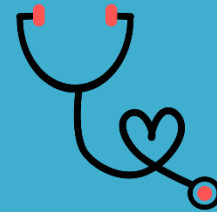
## **Sunday 26th March**

- 10:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)  
Benefice Holy Communion with Choir

### **Come and See**

## **The medicine**

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Come and See  
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### **This week's film – 'The Medicine'**

In the wholeness of God's love, mercy and forgiveness,  
Jesus offers us the way to find peace.

We know what we can be and we know what we are.  
How do we address the ways we fall short?  
Jesus' life and death shows us the answer.

The Diocese posts a link to each day's resources on its  
website. There is also a link to a weekly set of resources  
especially for children and families.

Visit <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see/>



St Andrew's Shrivenham  
Thursday 23rd March  
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](mailto:standfast.shrivenham@yahoo.com)

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



### **Community Cycle of Prayer**

Please pray this week for all who live and work  
in College Farm Lane in Ashbury,  
and Claypits Lane in Shrivenham.

### Church Electoral Rolls

Church electoral rolls will be revised before the annual parish meetings. Please let your parish Electoral Roll Officer know if your contact details have changed since last year. If you would like to join the electoral roll, please contact your church's PCC Secretary or Churchwarden, or pick up an application form in church.

### Friday Morning Café Shrivenham Methodist Church



The Café is open between 10am and 1pm on Friday mornings serving drinks, biscuits and soup. There is a toddler play area and Wi-Fi is available. Everyone is welcome.

### Annual Parish Meetings

<b>Shrivenham, W &amp; B</b>	Tuesday 18th April 7pm
<b>Compton Beauchamp</b>	Saturday 22nd April 11am
<b>Longcot &amp; Fernham</b>	Tuesday 25th April 6pm
<b>Ashbury</b>	Thursday 27th April 7pm

All welcome

### Ashbury Churchyard 'Spring Clean'

Saturday, 25th March 10am – Noon

Hot refreshments will be available.

As well as appropriate garden tools (secateurs, hard brush, trowel) it would also be helpful if, those who can, could bring a wheelbarrow or strimmer.

### Ashbury Men's Breakfast



Holly at the Rose & Crown is providing a full English breakfast at 9am on Saturday 25th March at a very reasonable £10 per person. If this first gathering is a success, the group will continue to meet once a month.

For catering purposes, please let Rev'd Norma Fergusson know by 21st March if you plan to attend. 01793 784338 vicar@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk

## KICK START EASTER!

Saturday 1st April  
Ashbury Village Hall

Two interactive concerts, hosted by The Rose and Crooners - to raise money for The Watchfield and Shrivenham Community Larder

3pm - 4.30pm - including coffee and cake

5.30pm - 7pm - including wine and canapees

Tea/coffee and cake available to buy at the first concert, wine to buy at the second, raffle tickets to buy at both, and donation buckets onsite, so bring your pennies, your sense of humour, and your Easter Bonnets!

Tickets available from The Rose and Crown  
£2 each

### Mothering Sunday by Malcolm Guite

At last, in spite of all, a recognition,  
For those who loved and laboured for so long,  
Who brought us, through that labour, to fruition  
To flourish in the place where we belong.  
A thanks to those who stayed and did the raising,  
Who buckled down and did the work of two,  
Whom governments have mocked instead of praising,  
Who hid their heart-break and still struggled through,  
The single mothers forced onto the edge  
Whose work the world has overlooked, neglected,  
Invisible to wealth and privilege,  
But in whose lives the kingdom is reflected.  
Now into Christ our mother church we bring them,  
Who shares with them the birth-pangs of His Kingdom.