



The Shrevenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 5th March 2023

Second Sunday of Lent

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 5th 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 Shrevenham, 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 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

Monday

- 6:30pm Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Compline for Lent

Tuesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group
St Andrew's Vicarage
Note change of day

Wednesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group
Shrevenham Methodist Church
- 10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Funeral – Stephen Butler RIP
- 7:00pm Shrevenham, Watchfield & Bourton PCC
St Andrew's Shrevenham

Thursday

- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 10:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's
- 7:45 pm Confirmation Class, St Andrew's Vicarage

Friday

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

Saturday

- 10:00am Café Inspire in Shrevenham School Hall

Sunday 12th March

- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas.
Matins
- 10:15am Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Holy Communion
- 3:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas
Benefice Sunday School

Come and See

Everybody wants to know how to live their life in the best way possible, and we all need a vision for what it means to be human.

The mirror

The Beatitudes show us the very best of what it means to be human: how to live the most fruitful life we can.



COME AND SEE

The Beatitudes, the incredible manifesto from Jesus recorded in the Sermon on the Mount, are our guide to living well and a great way of exploring faith... whatever stage of the journey we're on.

'Come and See' is a free series of daily emails throughout Lent which include a scripture reading, a reflection and a moment to pause and be encouraged before the busyness of the day begins.

If you prefer not to sign up to the daily emails, 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/>

Condolences

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

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.

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Chapel Lane in Ashbury, and Church Walk and Faringdon Road in Shrevenham.



Benefice Sunday School – 12th February at 3pm

St Thomas' Church Watchfield followed by refreshments in the Village Hall.

Open to all children aged 4 – 11 in the Benefice.

Any parent/s who wish to stay for the whole time are welcome to do so, as extra help is always appreciated.

Café Inspire Saturday 11th February

10 – 11:30am

Shrivenham School Hall

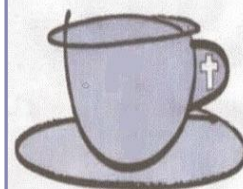
All ages welcome

Chat or browse the newspapers. Toys, craft-based activities and a Wii to entertain younger visitors.

Free tea, coffee and squash.

Bacon rolls £1.50 and cakes 60p per slice.

Café Inspire



Messy Church

Messy Church met in St. Andrew's on Thursday 2nd March.

The theme for this session was John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son so that all who believe in him should not perish but have everlasting life." So all the crafts this month were designed to help us remember that God

loves us. We made fridge magnets from hama beads in the shape of either a cross or a heart; collage pictures of the whole world; puzzles which when folded correctly made John 3:16; a cross from our hand prints to be displayed in church and iced heart shaped biscuits (which we ate after our hot dogs!)

Our next meeting is Thursday 23rd March (a week earlier than usual!), and all families from the Benefice are very welcome to attend. Check the Newsletter for sign up details or follow Standfast on Facebook. We are always looking for volunteers to help so please get in touch if you can spare a few hours on a Thursday afternoon once a month.

<https://www.facebook.com/Standfastshrivenham>

