



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 22nd October 2023 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

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

- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Morning Prayer
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 6:00pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

Friday

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

Saturday

10:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Baptism

Sunday 29th October

11:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Benefice Holy Communion with Choir

A Time of Reflection and Remembrance Sunday 5th November – St Andrew's, Shrivenham



The church will be open between 2pm and 6pm for anyone who wishes to come, be still and light a votive candle. At 5pm, the Benefice Choir will join us for a service of Remembrance for those we have loved and lost 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.

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) 01793 783519 info@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk

Their service does not have to have taken place in St Andrew's for their name to be included.

Community Cycle of Prayer

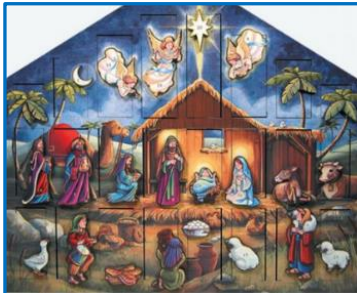
Please pray this week for all who live and work in Ashbury Hill in Ashbury, and Sandhill Farm and Cottages in Shrivenham.

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.

Advent Calendars and Christmas Cards

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



Margaret lives in Shrivenham.

Ring her to arrange a time to visit 01793 782100

Licensing of Rev'd Patrick Mabunu as Associate Vicar, Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

Monday 6th November at 7:30pm
St Mary's Church Ashbury

The Rt Rev'd Gavin Collins, Bishop of Dorchester, will lead the service, which will be followed by refreshments.

All are welcome but for planning/catering purposes please let us know if you wish to attend.
01793 783519 or info@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk

Limited parking is available in the church car park at the top of Church Lane. If parking in the village, please be mindful of our neighbours.

St Andrew's Annual Brass Cleaning Morning

Saturday 25th November at 9:30am.

Helpers would be appreciated. Coffee provided!

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 Monday 30th October

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

Looking to the Future – Your Next Vicar

Rev'd Norma Fergusson is retiring in May 2024, and we are starting to look towards the future and the appointment of her successor.

As part of this process, we invite everyone in the Benefice, whether you are a churchgoer or not, to come along to Shrivenham Memorial Hall on Sunday 19th November to share your thoughts and observations on what we currently do well, what is less successful, and what you would like to see happening over the next few years.

Tea and cake will be served from 3.30pm with the meeting starting at 4.00pm. Following a short introduction, informal discussions will take place in small groups, ending no later than 6.00pm, but you are welcome to leave at any time.

Advising us of your intention to attend is not compulsory but will help to ensure we don't run out of cake!

We would love to see you there, but if you are unable to come along, you can still take part in the consultation process via our online survey which is available at <https://s.surveypal.com/v3h79lf9>.

If you would like a paper copy, please contact the Benefice Administrator (Lucy Laird) or pick one up in church. All survey responses are anonymous.

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Royal British Legion Coffee Morning

St Andrew's Church
Shrivenham
Friday 10th November
from 10am to noon.



A chance to support the Royal British Legion, get your poppy and enjoy cake and a cuppa!

All welcome.

The Torriano Ensemble Autumn Concert

Sunday 19th November at 6pm
St. Mary's Church, Longcot

An evening of music for flute, clarinet, horn, bassoon and string quintet, featuring two much-loved masterpieces from the classical period, Mozart's charming and uplifting Flute Quartet in D major K. 285 and the magnificent Octet by Schubert.

Arrangements of three of Gershwin's most popular songs, 'Embraceable You', 'The Man I Love' and 'I've Got Rhythm', provide a contrast of style and mood.

Admission free with a retiring collection in aid of Longcot Village Trust and St Mary's Church.

The bar will be open from 5.30pm for drinks before the concert and also at the interval.

Reservations should be made in advance by email to victorialmedcalf@gmail.com

Sonare in Concert

My Soul, There Is a Country

Saturday 11th November at 7:30pm
St Andrew's Church Shrivenham



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Sonare are a renowned London-based choral quartet.

They will treat us to a joyous celebration of British choral music. The programme features unmissable favourites alongside underappreciated gems, with fascinating musical history commentary from the singers themselves.

Tickets £12 will be on sale locally in due course or buy online now for a 10% discount through

www.sonarechoir.com

In aid of St Andrew's Restoration Project