



The Shrevenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 31st December 2023 First Sunday of Christmas

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

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

**No midweek morning services until
Tuesday 9th January**

Wednesday 3rd January

2:00pm Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
ASK Holy Communion

Saturday 6th January

10:00am Bourton, St James
Family Service with Baptism

Sunday 7th January

7:45am Shrevenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)
9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Holy Communion (BCP)
9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Holy Communion by Extension (BCP)
9:30am Longcot, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
10:15am Shrevenham, St Andrew.
Family Service
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary.
Morning Prayer
5:30pm Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Compline and Benediction

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in
Kingstone Winslow near Ashbury,
and West End Road in Shrevenham.

Songs & Stories and Baby & Toddler Group

The groups that meet on Wednesday and Thursday
mornings are now taking a break until after the school
Christmas holidays and will restart w/c 8th January 2024.

A Countdown to Christmas

We hope you have enjoyed
the carols we have been
sharing daily on [Facebook](#)
during Advent.

Thank you to everyone
who has contributed – we
have heard some lovely
memories and reflections.

All the videos and YouTube
links are available on the
[Countdown to Christmas](#)
page on our website.



Rev'd Norma Fergusson is off duty from Monday 1st January until Friday 5th January inclusive but contactable on 07799 545035.

For pastoral emergencies please call
Rev'd Patrick Mabhunu on 07471 434276

For other church enquiries please email
vicar@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk
or contact your local churchwarden.

The Benefice office will be closed from Sunday 24th December until Sunday 7th January. Emails will be checked regularly.

Wednesday Study Groups

Both groups will restart on 10th January.
The Zoom group meets at 10:30am, and the group that
meets at the Vicarage starts at 7pm.

If you would like to join either group,
please contact Richard Fergusson

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Confirmation

Bishop Gavin is coming to St Mary's Church, Longworth,
on Saturday 2nd March for a service of confirmation.

If you think you might be interested in being confirmed
and would like to find out more, please talk to Norma or
Patrick and we will arrange classes from 18th January at
7.45pm in St Andrew's Vicarage. All ages are welcome.

If you would like to make a text donation to support
the work of the churches in our Benefice,
please use the numbers below.

Text **GIVEfive** to **70470** to donate **£5**

Text **GIVEten** to **70470** to donate **£10**

Your standard text message rate applies.

Thank you!

Village Carols at St James' Church Bourton

Edna greets everyone as they arrive for the service.



Nimrod the Shetland pony.



Bourton Village Voices.



In case you were wondering, the red glow is cast by the radiant heaters in the church.

Welcome

Welcome to John Benedict who was baptised at St Andrew's Church Shrivenham on Christmas Day.



Crib Service at St Andrew's Church Shrivenham

