



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## Sunday 28th November Advent Sunday



**Please do not come into church if you think you may have symptoms of Covid 19.**

Wearing a mask and observing social distancing in church is encouraged but not mandatory.

Please sign in or use the QR code.

Hand sanitiser is available.

Holy Communion will be offered in one kind only.

### **Advent Sunday 28th November**

Rev'd Norma Fergusson is giving today's sermon.

Watch on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) from 9:00am.

- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & Facebook  
Benefice Holy Communion with Choir for the Festival of Andrew the Apostle
- 5:30pm Longcot, St Mary & Facebook  
Advent Carol Service with Benefice Choir and Handbells

### **Tuesday**

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 1:00pm Bereavement Café  
St Andrew's Vicarage, Shrivenham

### **Wednesday 1st December**

- 9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Morning Prayer
- 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 Alpha at the Ahern's
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group  
St Andrew's Vicarage

### **Thursday**

- 9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)
- 9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 3:15pm Messy Church in St Andrew's
- 6:00pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's
- 7:45pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Compline for Advent

### **Friday**

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

### **Saturday 4th**

- 9:30am Compton Beauchamp PCC Meeting
- 10:00am Bourton, St James  
Family Service

### **Ashbury Cycle of Prayer**

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Idstone.

Please contact the clergy for pastoral issues, and a Churchwarden or the Benefice Administrator ([shrivenham.ashbury.benefice@outlook.com](mailto:shrivenham.ashbury.benefice@outlook.com)) for other church enquiries.

### **Sunday 5th December**

- 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  
Family Service
- 10:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Family Service
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Morning Prayer
- 3:00pm Benefice Sunday School  
Watchfield, St Thomas
- 3:00pm Longcot Methodist Chapel  
United Service
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & Facebook  
Vespers and Benediction

### **Operation Christmas Child**



Shoobox Sunday Service in St Mary's Church Ashbury

Thank you to everyone who packed shoeboxes this year. They have now been delivered to the Highworth Collection Centre for the next stage of their journey to children in need around the world.

There is still time to visit the Samaritan's Purse website to send a pre-packed shoebox.

[www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk)

### **Benefice Sunday School – Sunday 5th December**

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

For children aged 4 – 11 years of age  
Open to the whole Benefice

Drop your child off for a 3pm start, then at 4pm come and see what they have been doing and have a cuppa and cake as we celebrate their work with a short family service finishing at about 4:30pm.



### An Advent Calendar of Verse and Song

Join our countdown to Christmas as we share a carol or poem linked to Advent every day on [Facebook](#) from Advent Sunday until Christmas Day.

There will be a short video introduction by either

Rev'd Norma Fergusson, Canon Paul Richardson, Rev'd Rachael Wilson or Richard Fergusson and a link to a specially chosen version on YouTube.

You don't need a Facebook account to watch!

### Back to School



We were delighted to be back in Shrevenham School this week. We were talking to year 2 about vestments and they were amazing!

Richard and Norma



St Andrew's Shrevenham

Thursday 2nd December 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.shrevenham@yahoo.com](mailto:standfast.shrevenham@yahoo.com)

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



### Advent Calendars, Candles & Christmas Cards

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

Please ring Margaret to arrange a time to visit. 01793 782100

### Soup On Saturday

Saturday 4th December from 12 noon - 2pm  
St Andrew's Church Shrevenham

Come along for a mug of soup and a natter. A selection of Christmas cards, edible gifts, handicrafts and decorations will be on sale.



If you can you help by providing "Christmas goodies" to sell such as jam, chutney, mincemeat, mince pies, handicrafts and decorations please contact Penny Hockley on 01793 783284 or [pennykh48@gmail.com](mailto:pennykh48@gmail.com)

In aid of St Andrew's Church.

### St Andrew's Annual Brass Cleaning Morning



Thank you to everyone who helped polish the brass in St Andrew's last Saturday. Eleven people came along to help and they did a brilliant job!