



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 23rd January 2022

Third Sunday of Epiphany

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Richard Fergusson is giving today's sermon.

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

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

Tuesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 1:00pm Bereavement Café. Shrivenham Vicarage
- 7:30pm Shrivenham Watchfield & Bourton PCC

Wednesday

- 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
- 7:00pm Ashbury PCC Meeting
- 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
Shrivenham, St Andrew
- 6:00pm ASK Evening Prayer
Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

Friday

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

Sunday 30th

- 10:00am Longcot, St Mary & [Facebook](#).
Benefice Holy Communion with Choir

Covid Update

Wearing a face covering indoors will no longer be mandatory from Thursday 27th January but we would encourage you to exercise discretion, especially in larger services or smaller churches.

Please do not come into church if you think you may have symptoms of Covid 19. Please sign in or use the NHS QR code and continue to observe social distancing – there is plenty of room to do this. Please respect the concerns of others in the congregation.

Hand sanitizer is available.

Holy Communion will be offered in one kind only.

What a lovely service at St Mary's Ashbury to say farewell to Paul and Katriona last Sunday!



It was great to see all the churches represented amongst the congregation and wonderful to be joined by the Benefice Choir to lead the singing.



Following the presentation of framed photographs of the Benefice countryside, flowers for Katriona and a certificate to mark last weekend's quarter peal in Longcot, the Choir dedicated their final anthem 'A Gaelic Blessing' to them both.

We're sure that Paul and Katriona will take away lots of happy and positive memories of their time here with us in the Benefice.

Helpers Urgently Needed for St Andrew's Baby and Toddler Group



One of the leaders has had to step back for health reasons and the group urgently needs some extra helpers. They meet on a Thursday from 9 - 11am (term-time only) in St Andrew's Church.

If you can help (even occasionally) or would like more information, please contact Lucy Laird. 01793 783519
info@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk

Holocaust Memorial Day 2021



God of the past, present, and future,
we pray for all who suffer from hatred and prejudice,
from abuse and ill treatment, and for all who are
victims of other people. Let us pray too, for the
people of violence, that they may change their ways
and learn to respect others. Let us pray for ourselves
that when we face what is negative or evil, we may
have the courage and generosity to break the cycle
of violence, taking responsibility for the direction in
which we want our lives to go. Let us pray that we
may always do to others as we would wish them to
do to us. Amen.

Community Cycle of Prayer

This week please pray for all who live and work in
in Wixes Piece in Ashbury,
and Canon Hills Gardens in Shrivenham.



Valentine's Concert

Saturday 12th February at 7:30pm
St Andrew's Church Shrivenham

A variety concert with a Valentine's theme
featuring local talent

Tickets £10
from Shrivenham Post Office
or

www.shrivenham-church.eventbrite.co.uk

or Churchwardens David (783405) & Julian (782065)

In aid of St Andrew's Restoration Fund



Empty Bottles Wanted

Yes really! Small (up to 500ml) clear plastic bottles
are needed for Messy Church on 3rd February.
Please drop them off in St Andrew's Church.

Pennyhooks Farm on Television



Pennyhooks Farm features in a half hour documentary
called 'A Farm Like No Other' which is being screened
at 7:30 pm on 16th February on BBC South East.

It will also be available on BBC iPlayer.

It is part of a series of current affairs programmes on
topics like farming, manufacturing, mental health
and crime, filmed 'from the ground up'.

We were asked to represent diversification in farming.

The team spent 7 days filming with us in December.

This included visits to IV Florists and Blacklands
Organics, to film the students as they took their willow
wreaths and eggs to sell at the shops.

The Producer, Ben Moore, seemed to understand the
purpose of Pennyhooks well, and we are hopeful of a
clear, interesting and supportive programme.

It will show our Winter daily life at the Farm, including
the Tuesday Storm, TB testing the cattle (when the
bull made a brief bid for freedom...!) and also some nice
sunny drone shots of the Farm and Village as well as
our young people out at work with the animals.

Lydia Otter

Bereavement Café in Shrivenham

Tuesday 25th January at 1pm at the Vicarage

All are welcome and there is no charge.

We meet to talk, share our stories
and have a cuppa together.

Norma and Rose-Anne are experienced bereavement
workers. If you want to know more or have any
questions, please contact Rose-Anne 017937 84017

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The following churches are open daily for private prayer

St Andrew Shrivenham, St Thomas Watchfield,
St James Bourton, St Mary the Virgin Ashbury,
St Swithun Compton Beauchamp

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

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

Text **GIVETen** to **70470** to donate **£10**

Your standard text message rate applies.

Thank you!