



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 14th August 2022

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 14th August

Rev'd Norma Fergusson is giving today's online sermon. Watch on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or our [website](#) from 9am.

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

There will be no 9am online services on Tuesdays and Thursdays during August

Wednesday

- 9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Morning Prayer.

Thursday

- 10:00am Bourton, St James
Funeral – Steven Cooper RIP
- 1:00pm Ashbury, St Mary
Funeral – Rita Bunce RIP

Friday

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

Sunday 21st August

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Matins (BCP)
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas. Matins (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Morning Prayer
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Third Sunday Service
- 12:30pm Longcot, St Mary. Baptism
- 2:30pm Watchfield, St Thomas. Baptism

Bourton, St James

Please note that there are no services during August

Benefice Sunday School

Please note that the Benefice Sunday School is not meeting during August.

Songs & Stories and Baby & Toddler Group

The groups that meet on Wednesday and Thursday mornings are taking a break until after the school summer holidays.

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Distribution of the Sacraments at Communion Services

Care is still being advised at the distribution of the sacraments and if you do not wish to receive in both kinds (i.e. to share the common cup as well as receiving the bread) please feel free to do that.

We will continue the practice of wearing masks and using hand sanitiser during the prayers of consecration and the distribution. This will also apply to lay administrators of the cup. The rim of the cup will be cleaned after each communicant has received.

Intinction by communicants is not recommended and we will not be offering this, but we will keep the matter under review. Please talk to Norma if you have any questions.

Faringdon Food Bank – Can You Help?

Faringdon Food Bank is open on Mondays and Wednesdays, but is hoping to open on Fridays too as the need has increased substantially.

At present the Food Bank particularly needs tinned meats; tinned vegetables; tinned and microwavable puddings; deodorants; dog food; dry items such as rice and flour; cheese sauce; jam.

There is a collection point for donations in St Andrew's Church porch.

Support for Ukrainian Refugees

Local collection points for essential items have now closed. However, the Swindon Humanitarian Refugee Support Hub is still accepting donations for onward transportation. Please contact them on 01793 542321.

Cash donations can be made through well-established Organisations/Charities such as the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC).

The White Horse Rotary Faringdon has recently launched an appeal to help support locally hosted refugee families in our communities. More information from Bjorn Watson: bjorn.watson@shrivenham.org

Bottles Please!

The Bottle Tombola at Shrivenham Village Fete on 27th August is one of the major fund raising events for St Andrew's Church General Fund. Margaret Hern will be pleased to receive bottles of any kind, but no cans. She will collect from you if required.

Margaret 01793 782100

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for all who live and work in Kingstone Winslow, and Northford Close in Shrivenham.



Do you have electronic devices you no longer need?

Many people in our communities today, including Ukrainian Refugees, are disadvantaged because they have no access to the internet. The Diocese of Oxford has partnered with Getting Oxfordshire Online to take electronic devices which are no longer required, wipe them of any personal data, repurpose them and provide them (with data and training) to people who desperately need them. The project has already helped many people who are digitally excluded, including refugees in Oxfordshire, to get online allowing them access to GPs, education, cheaper bills, online food orders etc.

Do you (or the organisation you work for) have any devices that might be suitable to give to this project? Minor faults (failed disks, broken keyboards, missing chargers etc) can be repaired. They are looking for:

- Laptops up to 12 years old (high-spec Windows Vista, any Windows 7 or later, and all "unibody" Macs)
- Tablets up to 10 years old
- Phones up to 6 years old (iPhone 5S or later)

For more information on how to donate your devices please contact info@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk

Benefice Sunday School Can You Help?

Our Sunday School aims to help children have fun whilst learning more about loving God and our neighbours, about Jesus, the Bible and the life of the Church.

We meet at 3pm on the second Sunday of the month in St Thomas Church in Watchfield. Each session is followed by refreshments in the Village Hall.

The sessions are led by our clergy team, and we are looking for people to join our team of volunteers who help to set up and clear away, serve refreshments, and more importantly help the children with their activities.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Lucy Laird: 01793 783519
info@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk



The Venerable Judy French, Archdeacon of Dorchester, Visits St Mary's Ashbury



In March 2019 St Mary's Church received a grant from the Diocesan Development Fund of £2,500 towards the installation of kitchen and toilet facilities. In February 2020 Judy was going to come to look at what the money had helped us achieve – then came Covid!

Two and a half years later we were able to welcome her to Ashbury at last, where we showed her round the church, especially our new kitchen and toilet of course, and then went up to the churchyard for tea and cake on our new bench.

Maggie Simons

Fun With Flowers



Enjoy a morning at a flower workshop and create a small arrangement to take home.

Saturday 10th September from 10am – 12 noon at the Community Hub, St Mary's Church, Longcot.

£20 per person including flowers, foliage and refreshments. No experience needed.

For more information and to book a place contact Shirley Dalton-Morris

01793 782989 or sdm57@btinternet.com

Wednesday Study Groups Summer Break

The morning and evening study groups are taking a break during the summer.

They will restart on Wednesday 14th September, meeting at 7pm in St Andrew's to watch the film 'The Way' about a group of pilgrims on their way to Santiago de Compostela.

Both the morning and evening groups will then look at 'The Long Road to Heaven' by Tim Heaton, which is based on that film.

Do come if you can!