



WELCOME

TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

“Mirroring the hospitality of God”

Sunday 22nd March Mothering Sunday Lent 4

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Services this Sunday Mothering Sunday Lent 4

11:00am Watch Rev'd Fergusson's Mothering Sunday sermon on our Facebook page. A link will be posted on our website – you don't need to be 'on Facebook' to watch it!

Unfortunately, we are not able to offer our normal programme of Sunday and mid-week services at the moment, but the churches **will** be open and you are welcome to use them, and the wonderful primrose filled churchyards, for private prayer.

National Day of Prayer

This year, Mothering Sunday 22nd March will be National Day of Prayer.

The Bishops are asking everyone to place a lighted candle in their window at 7pm as a sign of solidarity and hope in the light of Christ that can never be extinguished.

Please do join in if you can, praying especially for those who are sick or anxious and all involved in health care and essential services.

You might like to use the prayer below.

Loving God,

We pray for all those who are suffering because of the coronavirus,
may they know your healing power.

When we are afraid for ourselves and our loved ones,

give us your strength and courage.

When we feel alone and isolated,
reassure us with a sense of your presence.

Give wisdom to those in authority
and may our community work together for the good of all.

We give thanks for those who care for others and
ask you to bless them in all they do.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, healer and
physician. Amen

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

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

Please contact Rev'd Fergusson for pastoral issues,
and a churchwarden or the Benefice Administrator
(shrivenham.ashbury.benefice@outlook.com)
for other church enquiries.

A Message from Rev'd Fergusson

As you know, public worship has been suspended but clergy are encouraged to continue celebrate the eucharist and private prayer. Right now, I'm thinking that it might be helpful to try and be in our churches at the times when worship would normally happen: that will keep the rhythm of worship going and I hope you will join in from home at the same time.

If I see you, I will speak up so you can hear the prayers whilst keeping a safe distance! We are hoping to have a notebook in each church for you to write your prayers or requests and I will pray them I we come in. We are also investigating ways to stream times of prayer; we'll let you know.

Don't forget that on weekdays there is the Daily Service on BBC R4 Longwave at 09.45; Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4 at 08.10; and Choral Evensong on BBC Radio 3 on Wednesdays at 15.30 and Sundays at 15.00.

Songs & Stories and Baby & Toddler Groups

The Wednesday and Thursday morning groups will not be meeting during the coronavirus outbreak.

Annual Parish Meetings and Revision of Electoral Rolls

In the light of the Government's guidance, churches are encouraged not to hold meetings unless they are absolutely necessary. We do not expect the Annual Parish Meetings to go ahead as planned. However, it is a legal requirement to hold these meetings, so we are awaiting advice from the Diocese as to how to proceed.

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