



WELCOME

TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

“Mirroring the hospitality of God”

Sunday 13th September Trinity 14

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Saturday 12th September

10:00am Bible story & craft activity for children.
Watch on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

Watch this week's sermon on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).
Available from 9am on Sunday 13th September.

**Face coverings are now mandatory in churches.
Please read the updated information opposite.**

Sunday 13th September Trinity 14

9 - 10:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun.
Church open for private prayer.

9:00am Longcot, St Mary
Morning Prayer for Harvest

10:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Holy Communion

11.00am Holy Communion. Live on [Facebook](#).

Monday Rev'd Fergusson off duty

Tuesday

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#).

Wednesday

10:30am Bible Study Course resumes.
Live via Zoom.

See below for more information.

5 - 6:00pm Private prayer in Longcot Church.

6 - 7:30pm Private prayer in Watchfield Church.

Thursday

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

Friday

5:30pm Worship and Praise. Live via Zoom.

Contact David Ahern for details of how to take part.

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Saturday

11.00am Compton Beauchamp PCC

Sunday 20th September Trinity 15

9 - 10:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun.
Church open for private prayer.

10:00am Bourton, St James
Holy Communion

11.00am Holy Communion. Live on [Facebook](#).

4:00pm Joint Harvest Service with Shrivenham
Methodist Church. Live on [Facebook](#).

All links, orders of services and readings
are posted on the services page of our website
www.shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk

Face Coverings are Mandatory in Churches

There is an exemption for those who are officiating at services and presiding at Holy Communion, and those who assist them (for instance by reading, preaching, or leading prayers) who do not always need to wear a face covering, although one should be worn if physical distancing cannot be maintained (such as at the distribution of Holy Communion).

In line with government advice, children under 11 and people with disabilities or certain health conditions are also exempt from wearing face coverings.

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

Everything is provisional!

I knew I shouldn't have commented
on the lack of new guidance recently!

But, being old enough to remember the Famous Five, the Secret Seven and the Gang of Four, I guess the Rule of Six shouldn't be too much of a problem.

Although churches are (or at least used to be) places of social gathering, worship, as Archbishop Justin says, "is the work of God and gives the strength to love and serve."

So far, we know that, as from Monday 14th September:

Churches are regarded as being Covid-secure venues (thank you so much wardens and cleaners) so are exempt from the overall limit of six people for public worship and private prayer.

However, individual groups inside church should not be larger than six people. Groups should not combine and there must continue to be social distancing between groups.

Weddings, funerals and other stand-alone services can proceed with a maximum limit of 30 people provided that the current capacity of the individual church can accommodate this number safely.

We don't yet know what the implications are for other groups which would normally meet in church such as PCCs or how this will affect APCMs.

Please bear with us while we work it out.

Norma

Associate Vicar

Rev'd Canon Paul Richardson's licensing service will be held in St Mary's church Ashbury on Tuesday 3rd November at 7:30pm. More details to follow.

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

Wedding Congratulations



It was a wonderful, joyful day when Louise Trillwood and Jonathan Cooke were married in St Mary's Longcot last Saturday. Many thanks to them for allowing us to share this photograph with you.

Church Electoral Rolls

Church electoral rolls will be revised before the annual parish meetings. Please let your parish Electoral Roll Officer know if your contact details have changed since last year. If you would like to join the electoral roll, please contact your church's PCC Secretary or Churchwarden.

Benefice voices: lamentation and laughter



It's not too late to share your thoughts and ideas on life under lockdown. Please email Norma or drop a note through the Vicarage letter box in Shrivenham if that's easier or you'd prefer to remain anonymous. vicar@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk



Alpha Online - ask the big questions of life and explore the Christian faith. Each session starts with a short video talk looking at different questions around faith, followed by discussion in small groups.

Interested?

The next course starts on 5th October, put the date in your diary!

Alpha Online will be held via Zoom on Monday evenings (8 - 9:30pm) from 5th October to 7th December.

More information from Jane Ahern
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or Gill & Paul Sharpe
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A joint venture with Shrivenham Methodist Church

Longcot Village Green Concerts



Sincere thanks to Vicky and the other members of the Clarinet Collective for an afternoon of wonderful music which raised a good sum for the Longcot Village Trust fund to build a community space in St Mary's Church. They played everything from Gershwin to Mozart – and the rain stayed away!

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

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

Churches Open for Private Prayer

Most of our churches are usually open once a week for private prayer. See the services box for details. Shrivenham church is closed until late September while building work is undertaken. Fernham church is closed to allow Annabelle's pre-school exclusive access.

Our condolences

to the family and friends of the late Mrs Pat Amor and Mrs Maisie Brittain who died recently.