



WELCOME

TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

"Mirroring the hospitality of God"

Sunday 27th September Trinity 16

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

Sunday 27th September Trinity 16

9:00am Watchfield, St Thomas
Morning Prayer for Harvest (BCP)
10:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion for Harvest
11:00am Holy Communion. Live on [Facebook](#).

Watch this week's sermon on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).
Available from 9am on Sunday 27th September.

Monday Rev'd Fergusson off duty

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Saturday

10:00am Bourton, St James.
Family Service for Harvest

Sunday 4th October Trinity 17

9:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Morning Prayer for Harvest
10:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Family Service
10:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Holy Communion (BCP)
11:00am Holy Communion. Live on [Facebook](#).

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

Everything is provisional – part two

More changes in the last week so this is where
I think we are today.

The good news is that public worship can and will
continue. We can have more than six people in church,
but no individual group should be larger than six
"unless they are from the same household or support
bubble." The number of people in church at any time is
determined by the socially distanced capacity of the
building. However, attendance at "standalone life
events" (weddings, baptisms and funerals taking place
outside of normal public worship) is restricted: 30 for
funerals; 15 for weddings and 6 for baptisms. The
church is still seeking clarification on how we can make
this work. For example, a baptism within a public
service may not be subject to the rule of 6.

I'm sorry this is all so complicated and my heart goes
out to those who are making the rules at a national
level; it can't be easy trying to come up with national
guidance which works for everyone. If you would like to
talk about a particular service, please do get in touch
either with me, the Benefice Administrator or one of the
Churchwardens and we will do our best to help.

Norma (Friday 25th September, 11.20am!)

NHS Covid-19 Test and Trace App QR Codes



Look out for the NHS QR code posters in our churches.
If you have installed the NHS Covid-19 Test and Trace
App on your mobile phone you can scan the QR code
instead of using the sign in sheets.

Find out more at

<https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhs-covid-19/>

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.**

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

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

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

New Facilities in St Andrew's – Wow!



The latest phase of our restoration and improvement project is complete. The church reopens this Sunday with our new kitchen, toilets and flowerer arrangers' area, new vestry and screening to the back door area.



Annual Parish Meetings

Ashbury
Tuesday 20th October 6pm

Compton Beauchamp
Saturday 24th October 11am

Longcot & Fernham
Thursday 22nd October 7pm
Shrivenham, Watchfield & Bourton
Friday 30th October 6:30pm

Meetings will be held in church if permitted by regulations in place at the time, otherwise via Zoom

If you would like to become a member of your PCC, please contact the PCC Secretary or churchwarden.

All welcome

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.

What is Alpha Online?

Alpha is a place to ask the big questions of life. Connect with others online to watch a series of videos and explore the Christian faith together.



A chance to connect

Fellowship is at the heart of Alpha and sessions usually start with a meal together, but during this time of social distancing we've needed to adapt. Each session still kicks off with a chance to meet new people and connect over video chat! We hope that our online fellowship can grow into something more meaningful, and we look forward to a time when we can meet offline as well.

Watch a video together

The Alpha videos are designed to engage and inspire conversation. They're about thirty minutes long and explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions such as *Who is Jesus?*, *How can we have faith?* *How does God guide us?*

Space to share your thoughts

Probably the most important part of Alpha is the chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic and discuss it in a small group. There's no obligation to say anything and there's nothing you can't say (seriously). It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment.

Interested?

Alpha Online runs on Monday evenings (8 - 9:30pm) from 5th October to 7th December using Zoom. The first session is a taster to see if it is for you. Attending the course is completely free.

More information from Jane Ahern
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A joint venture with Shrivenham Methodist Church

Churches Open for Private Prayer

Our churches will be open once a week for private prayer as follows:

Ashbury 10am – 4pm on Thursday
Bourton 10am – 4pm on Saturday or Sunday when there is a service
Compton Beauchamp 9am – 5pm on Sunday
Longcot 10am – 4pm on Wednesday
Shrivenham 9am – 5pm on Sunday
Watchfield 10am – 4pm on Wednesday
Fernham church remains closed to allow Annabelle's pre-school exclusive access during term time.

Our condolences

to the family and friends of the late Mrs Angela Weston-Smith and Mrs Gweneth Eileen Ackrill who died recently.