



WELCOME

TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

“Mirroring the hospitality of God”

Sunday 4th October Trinity 17

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

Saturday 3rd October

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](#).

Rodney Elton is giving this week's sermon.

Watch on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

Available from 9am on Sunday 4th October.

Monday

8:00pm **Rev'd Fergusson off duty**
Alpha Online. Live via Zoom.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

10:30am Bible Study Course. Live via Zoom.
2:00pm ASK Holy Communion.
Live on Facebook.

Thursday

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

Sunday 11th October Trinity 18

9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Morning Prayer.
9:00am Watchfield, St Thomas
Morning Prayer (BCP).
10:00am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion.
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

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.

Farewell Gift for Bishop Colin from the Benefice



Bishop Colin visited St Andrew's for a private tour of the new kitchen and toilet facilities. It was probably his final 'loo blessing' before he retires!

We took the opportunity to present a framed print of the Benefice churches in appreciation of his steadfast support of our Parishes during his twenty years as Bishop of Dorchester.

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.

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/>

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.

Annual Parish Meetings

Ashbury

Tuesday 20th October 7pm

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



And the Winner is ...

The Shrivenham treasure trail to "Solve the Robbery in the Village" has now finished. Out of 96 'tickets' sold 53 entries were returned of which 18 were correct. From those 18, the winner was drawn and the

£20 prize awarded to Natalie Smith of Swindon.

The St. Andrew's Restoration Fund benefitted to the tune of £460.00 so a very successful venture.

Thank you to Alison and Brian Francis for setting the trail and to Sarah and the team at the Post Office for once again selling tickets for us.

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.



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

Thank you to all the volunteers who spent a socially distanced day litter picking in Fernham.



Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

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

Our condolences

to the family and friends of the late Mrs Ann Willis and Mrs Peggy New who died recently.

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