

WELCOME

TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

"Mirroring the hospitality of God" Sunday 4th October Trinity 17 The Vicar: The Rev'd Norma Fergusson. Tel 01793 784338 vicar@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk Licensed Lay Minister: Mr Richard Fergusson. Tel 07788 436831 www.shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk

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.	
	tch on <u>Facebook</u> or <u>YouTube</u> .
Available from 9am on Sunday 4th October.	
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Rev'd Fergusson off duty</u>
8:00pm	Alpha Online. Live via Zoom.
<u>Tuesday</u>	
9:00am	Morning Prayer. Live on Facebook.
<u>Wednesday</u>	
10:30am	Bible Study Course. Live via Zoom.
2:00pm	ASK Holy Communion.
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Thursday	
9:00am	Matins (BCP). Live on <u>Facebook</u> .
Sunday 11th October Trinity 18	
9:00am	Shrivenham, St Andrew
0.000	Morning Prayer.
9:00am	Watchfield, St Thomas
10:00am	Morning Prayer (BCP).
10.00am	Longcot, St Mary
11.00am	Holy Communion. Holy Communion. Live on Facebook.
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All links, orders of services and readings	
are posted on the services page of our website	

Churches Open for Private Prayer

www.shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk

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.

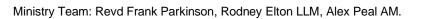
Face Coverings are Mandatory in Churches

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.





Look out for the NHS QR code posters in our churches. If you have installed the NHS Covd-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 01793 783521 07947 036843 thestable@protonmail.com

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 (<u>shrivenham.ashbury.benefice@outlook.com</u>) for other church enquiries.