



WELCOME



TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

“Mirroring the hospitality of God”

Sunday 11th October Trinity 18

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

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](#).

Richard Fergusson is giving this week's sermon.

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

Available from 9am on Sunday 4th October.

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](#).

Friday

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

Contact David Ahern for details of how to take part.

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Sunday 18th October Trinity 19

10:00am Watchfield, St Thomas
Holy Communion (BCP).
10:00am Bourton, St James
Holy Communion by Extension.
11.00am Holy Communion. Live on [Facebook](#).
5:30pm Ashbury, St Mary
Evensong.

All links, orders of services and readings
are posted on the services page of our website

www.shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk

Safeguarding Sunday 11th October

It cannot have been entirely coincidental that the latest report of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse was published in the week leading up to Safeguarding Sunday on 11th October.

This is the day on which we are reminded that “Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility” and that “our churches work every day of the year to ensure they are safe places for all.” Sadly, sometimes, not hard enough and Archbishop Justin has reminded us that “to fail at safeguarding casts a profound stain across every good thing we do.”

The report can be downloaded from the IIASC website

www.iicsa.org.uk

Within this benefice, I am truly grateful to all the PCC members who have taken the time to update their safeguarding training this summer. This training is now mandatory for all PCC members in the Diocese.

If you have any questions about safeguarding or about benefice policy, please contact either me or Lucy Laird, the Benefice Safeguarding Officer.

Norma

A Prayer for Safeguarding Sunday

Loving God, we pray that our churches may be places of welcome, security and compassion.

Keep us watchful yet caring, trusting yet ready to question, that all who worship with us may do so in safety and in the knowledge of your love.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

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

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.

If you would like to make a text donation to support your local church, please use the numbers below.

For Ashbury

Text **STMARYS 5** to **70085** to donate **£5**

For Shrivenham, Watchfield & Bourton

Text **SWB** to **70460** to donate **£5**

Text **SWB** to **70450** to donate **£10**

For Longcot and Fernham

Text **LONGCOT** to **70085** to donate **£4**

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.

Attendance will be by invitation only as we are limited to 30 people under current Covid-19 restrictions.

We intend to either live stream or record the service.

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.

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Odstone Farm & Cottages.

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

Ashbury Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate St Mary's Church for their Harvest service last Sunday.

