



WELCOME

TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

“Mirroring the hospitality of God”

Sunday 1st November All Saints' Day

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**Face coverings are mandatory in churches.
Please do not come into church if you think you
may have symptoms of Covid 19.**

Sunday 1st November All Saints' Day

9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Morning Prayer
10:00am Watchfield, St Thomas
Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Family Service
10:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Holy Communion
11:00am Holy Communion. Live on [Facebook](#).
5:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
A Time of Reflection and
Remembrance. Details on page 2.

Richard Fergusson is giving this week's sermon.

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

Available from 9am on Sunday 1st November.

Monday Rev'd Fergusson off duty

Tuesday

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#).
7:30pm Ashbury, St Mary
Licensing of Associate Vicar

By invitation only - the service will be recorded.

Wednesday

9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Morning Prayer
10:30am Bible Study Course. Live via Zoom.
2:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & recorded
ASK Holy Communion

Thursday

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

Saturday

10:00am Bourton, St James
Family Service

Sunday 8th November Remembrance Sunday

7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)

Acts of Remembrance

9:30am Watchfield War Memorial
10:40am Ashbury War Memorial
11:00am Shrivenham War Memorial
Also live on [Facebook](#).
11:00am Compton Beauchamp War Memorial
11:30am Longcot War Memorial
12:00pm Bourton War Memorial
3:00pm Fernham Memorial Garden

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

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The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Every year on Remembrance Sunday the Royal British Legion calls on the nation to unite in remembering those members of the armed forces who gave their lives during two world wars and subsequent conflicts.



Hostilities in WW1 officially ceased at 11am on 11th November 1918 - in other words the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. The first time the 2 minutes silence was observed was in 1919 - the very first Armistice Day (what we now refer to as Remembrance Day following WW2). An Australian journalist proposed a "respectful silence" to remember those who had given their lives in the First World War. This was brought to the attention of King George V who proclaimed "All locomotion should cease, so that, in perfect stillness, the thoughts of everyone may be concentrated in reverent remembrance of the glorious dead." The 2 minutes silence held every Remembrance Sunday to respect those who gave their lives begins at 11am for this reason.

Armistice Day is always on November 11th and Remembrance Sunday is always held on the second Sunday in November.

The first Poppy Appeal was in 1921 and raised £100,000. This was a vast sum at the time and was used to help the war veterans who desperately needed it. That help has been ongoing ever since.

The reason poppies became the symbol of Remembrance is because they were the only flowers which grew on the churned-up battlefields of the Western Front. The poppy remains a symbol of Remembrance and hope. When you wear a poppy in memory of those who fell you are also supporting the work of the Royal British Legion.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, this year's Poppy appeal will be very different from previous years.

Collectors are unable to carry out door to door collecting and fund-raising events are limited. Church services and wreath laying at war memorials are not able to take place in quite the usual way, but there will be Acts of Remembrance at all the Benefice War Memorials on Sunday 8th November.

As always, **WE WILL REMEMBER THEM**

Kate Curson

The Silent Soldier



Many thanks to John Lloyd and Pete Nicholson for installing 'Tommy' in St Andrew's churchyard.

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.

New Date for Longcot & Fernham APCM

Wednesday 18th November 7pm

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

There are vacancies on the PCC.

If you would like to become a member of your PCC, please contact Richard Fergusson or Dennis Blease.

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

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

A Time of Reflection and Remembrance

Sunday 1st November

St Andrew's Church Shrivenham

St Andrew's Church will be open between 2pm and 6pm for anyone who wishes to come, be still and light a votive candle.

There will then be a short service at 5pm which will also include the opportunity to light a candle.

Everyone is welcome but, to ensure that we can seat everyone and maintain social distancing, please let the Benefice Administrator know by 31st October if you wish to attend the service at 5pm.

If you are unable to attend the service but would like to have a candle lit on your behalf, please let us know. The candles will be used as our votive candles in the Lady Chapel in the weeks after All Souls.

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Operation Christmas Child



If you would like to contribute a shoebox of goodies for children in need across the world, please bring it along to the services at St. Mary's Ashbury on 1st and 15th November or leave it in the porch between those dates. You can also pick up a 'How to Pack Your Shoebox' leaflet from the porch or visit the Samaritan's Purse website for more information.

www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/

Jam Jars Wanted

Yes - really 😊 But not for making jam or marmalade. Our Christingle and Crib Services will have to be outside this year, and we will be using tea lights in jam jars to mark out spaces for people to gather in the churchyards. Even at two metre distances, that's a lot of jam jars! If you do have any to spare, please bring them to the vicarage in Shrivenham.

Christmas Cards for Sale

Margaret Hern is getting a good selection of Christmas Christian charity cards on a sale or return basis from the Lighthouse Book Shop in Highworth. If you would like a socially distanced browse Margaret will put them out in her garage in Shrivenham.

Ring 01793 782100 to arrange a time to visit