



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## Sunday 12th June 2022

## Trinity Sunday

**Please do not come into church if you think you may have symptoms of Covid 19.**

Please respect the concerns of others in the congregation. Hand sanitizer is available.

### Trinity Sunday 12th June RSCM Music Sunday

Rev'd Norma Fergusson is giving today's online sermon. Watch on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or our [website](#) from 9am.

- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Matins (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion with Choir
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Holy Communion
- 3:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas  
Benefice Sunday School
- 5:30pm Longcot, St Mary  
Ashes Interment - Ron & Maureen Jackson

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

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

- 9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group  
Shrivenham Methodist Church
- 10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group  
St Andrew's Vicarage

### Thursday Corpus Christi

- 9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)
- 7:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion with Choir

### Friday

- 9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Worship and Praise

### Saturday 18th

- 8:30am Shrivenham Men's Breakfast  
at the Prince of Wales

### Sunday 19th June Father's Day

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion by Extension (BCP)
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Matins (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Morning Prayer
- 10:00am Bourton, St James  
Holy Communion by Extension
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Morning Worship

### Return to Offering Holy Communion in Both Kinds

Since returning to public worship after the first lockdown in July 2020, we have offered Communion in only one kind during services. The national church is now strongly encouraging us to return to offering Communion in both kinds, so as a Benefice we have resumed offering wine.

The first thing to say is that receiving both bread and wine is not mandatory. The church teaches that God gives the fullness of grace in Communion, however we receive it, so please don't feel pressured to receive the chalice if you don't feel comfortable doing so.

We will continue the practice of wearing masks and using hand sanitiser during the prayers of consecration and the distribution. This will also apply to lay administrators of the cup. The rim of the cup will be cleaned after each communicant has received.

We will no longer bring communion to people in their pews. If you wish to receive Communion, please come to the altar rail at the distribution, standing or kneeling as you prefer, but maintaining a safe distance between communicants. Please wait until everyone at the rail has received before coming forward to the altar rail. This will make it easier for us to know who has and has not received.

If you don't wish to share the common cup, please stay at the rail until communion has been offered in both kinds, crossing your arms over your chest with hands pointing towards your shoulders to indicate that you do not wish to receive the cup.

We understand that setting out the procedure like this can make it sound more complex than it is, but we want everyone to feel safe and "baby steps" seem to be the best way of achieving this. It will soon feel normal.

In case you were wondering, the Church of England does not currently permit the use of individual cups. Also, intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) is considered to be less safe than sharing the cup so we are not offering it at this time. If you have any other questions, please ask!

### Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for all who live and work in Berrycroft in Ashbury, and Glebe Close in Shrivenham.

### Benefice Sunday School – Sunday 12th June

St Thomas' Church Watchfield at 3pm  
followed by refreshments in the Village Hall at 4pm

Drop your child off at 3pm,  
then come along at 4pm for a short family service  
with a cuppa and cake.

Open to all children aged 4 – 11 in the Benefice.





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A special celebration for the ASK team and congregation marking both 15 years of ministry in the Benefice as well as Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.



Longcot Jubilee Lunch on The Green



Jubilee Flowers in St Andrew's.  
A beautiful backdrop for online Matins.





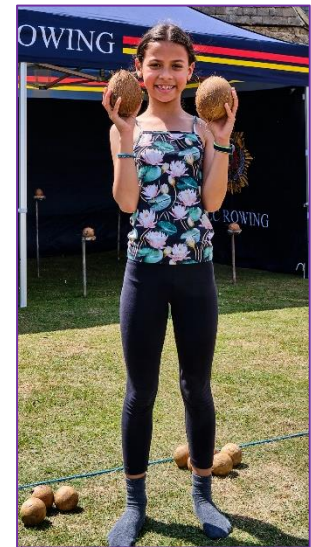
Longcot Jubilee Lunch on The Green



Coconut Shy at Shrivenham Party on the Rec



Ashbury School's representation on Trooping the Colour



Fernham Village Jubilee Tea



Jubilee Bell ringers at St Andrew's Shrivenham