



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 26th June 2022

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.

Sunday 26th June

Padre Phil Craven is giving today's online sermon. Watch on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or our [website](#) from 9am.

- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Benefice Holy Communion with Choir
- 2:30pm Watchfield, St Thomas
Baptism
- 4:00pm Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Benefice Pilgrimage Service

Tuesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 1:00pm Bereavement Café
5 Martens Road, Shrivenham

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

- 9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)
- 3:15pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Messy Church
- 6:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
ASK Evening Prayer
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

Friday 1st July

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

Saturday

- 10:00am Bourton, St James
Family Service
- 12 noon Shrivenham, St Andrew
Wedding

Second Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 3rd July

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Matins (BCP)
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion (BCP)
for the Feast of St Thomas
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion by Extension
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Family Service
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Morning Prayer
- 3:00pm Longcot Methodist Chapel
United Service
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Compline and Benediction

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for all who live and work in in Chapel Lane in Ashbury, and Hazell's Lane in Shrivenham.

Return to Offering Holy Communion in Both Kinds

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 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.

If you wish to receive Communion, please come to the altar rail at the distribution, standing or kneeling but maintaining a safe distance between communicants. Please wait until everyone at the rail has received before coming forward to the altar rail, to 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.

The Church of England does not currently permit the use of individual cups, and 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!

Benefice Pilgrimage Sunday 26th June

This year we will walk from Ashbury to Compton Beauchamp and back. Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome too. **Note that there are a number of stiles to climb on the way.** We'll depart from St Mary's Church at 2:30pm, arriving at St Swithun's in time for tea and cake before a short service at 4pm. We'll set off on the return journey at about 4:30pm, and the bar at the Rose and Crown will be open for refreshment when we get back to Ashbury. Everyone is welcome to join us, even if only for the walk and tea! For more details and a map please contact David Watson (01793 783405) shrivenhamchurchwarden@outlook.com

Shrivenham Open Gardens



Sunday 3rd July 2pm - 5pm

Map and list of gardens **£5.00** available from Shrivenham Post Office, the Church Wardens or at the church after services

No charge for accompanied children

Refreshments available in St Andrew's Church

In aid of St Andrew's Church Restoration Fund

Can You Help?

We need small clear plastic bottles (up to 500ml) and scraps of wool for some of the activities at Messy Church on 30th June.

Please drop them off in St Andrew's Church.

St Andrew's Shrivenham
Thursday 30th June from
3:15 – 5pm

Messy Church is a church
with a difference!

A chance to be creative,
hear Bible stories,

eat yummy food and have fun with friends and family.



Suggested donation of
£1.50 per child.

To book click [here](#),
scan the QR code or email
standfast.shrivenham@yahoo.com

**Messy Church is open to
the whole Benefice.**



PCC members from across the Benefice enjoying
a social evening at St Andrew's Vicarage.
We thank them for all they do for our seven churches.

Canon Richard Hancock

will be licensed as Rector of the Spire Hill Benefice
in the Diocese of Salisbury on Wednesday 29th June
at 7pm in St Mary's Church Stalbridge.

Wanted: Foundation Governor at Shrivenham C of E School from September 2022. It could be you!

Foundation governors are appointed by the Oxfordshire Diocese (usually on a 4-year term) and are responsible for ensuring the school maintains its Christian ethos, as well as being a critical friend on other governance matters. Working within the construct of the Faringdon Learning Trust, governors have oversight of the school at the strategic level and are accountable for the performance of the school. Shrivenham School will shortly be relocating to a new site, so it's a really exciting time to get involved. We need a wide range of skills and training is provided to help governors fulfil this vital role.

If you would like to know more, contact Chris Taylor
cstaylor1974@hotmail.com or 07867 520824
or visit <https://www.odbe.org.uk/governance/>

Open Tower Hour at St Mary's Church Ashbury

On Sunday 5th June, as part of the Ashbury village Jubilee celebrations, the bell ringers welcomed more than twenty villagers from Ashbury, Kingston Winslow and Idstone during their 'Open Tower Hour'.

There was plenty of interest in the bells themselves with the opportunity to go up into the belfry to see the different sizes of the 6 bells.

Having seen the bells, visitors were invited to feel their weight by trying to chime a bell which is hard work on the heaviest at 690kg.

Special thanks to Colin, Ben and Fiona for their time to make the open tower hour possible.

Three of the Benefice churches have rings of bells. If you are interested in learning to ring or returning to ringing, please get in touch using the details below.

Ashbury: Allister Godfrey ashburytower@gmail.com
Shrivenham and Longcot: Tony Crabtree 01793 784064
tony.crabtree@talktalk.net



Brush Up Your Shakespeare

"A celebration of the Bard. Historical/Tragical.
Tragical/Pastoral. Pastoral/Historical.
Words, Music, Drama ... and a dog."

Saturday July 23rd at 7:30pm in St Andrew's Church

Tickets £10 on sale soon

In aid of the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal
and St Andrew's Church Shrivenham