



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## Sunday 17th July 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 17th July

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

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun  
Holy Communion (BCP)  
for the Feast of St Swithun
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Matins (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Morning Prayer
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Taizé Service
- 2:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas  
Baptism
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Choral Evensong with the Benefice Choir

The service will include a talk by Peter Foot entitled 'Painting the Annunciation: Word Made Flesh'. Do join us for a glass of wine after the service.

### Tuesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
School Leavers Service

### Wednesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 9:00am Ashbury Primary School  
School Leavers Service
- 9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group  
Shrivenham Methodist Church
- 9:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
School Leavers Service
- 6:00pm Longcot & Fernham PCC
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group  
St Andrew's Vicarage

### Thursday

- 9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

### Friday

- 9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)
- 2:00pm Bourton, St James  
Wedding

### Saturday

- 11:00am Compton Beauchamp PCC

## Fifth Sunday after Trinity

### Sunday 24th July

- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Holy Communion



### Brush Up Your Shakespeare

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

Tickets £10 from  
Shrivenham Post Office,  
IV Florist and on the door

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

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

### Raffle Prizes Wanted

We are looking for prizes for the raffle  
at the 'Brush Up Your Shakespeare' concert.  
Please contact David or Julian if you can help.

### Wednesday Study Groups Summer Break

The morning and evening study groups will be taking a  
break during the summer and will restart  
on Wednesday 14th September.  
The morning group finished last week but the evening  
group will meet for a final session this week.

### Song and Stories Toddler Group

This week's Wednesday morning session at the  
Methodist Church will be the last before the group takes  
a break until after the school summer holidays.

### Baby and Toddler Group

The group that meets on Thursday mornings in  
St Andrew's Church is now taking a break until after  
the school summer holidays.

**Welcome** to Otis Wilde Ash who was baptised at St Mary's Ashbury on Sunday 10th July.

### Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for all who live and work in Ashdown Estate in Ashbury, and Longcot Road in Shrivenham.

### Bottles Please!

The Bottle Tombola at Shrivenham Village Fete at the end of August is one of the major fund raising events for St Andrew's Church General Fund.

Margaret Hern will be pleased to receive bottles of any kind, but no cans. She will collect from you if required.  
Margaret 01793 782100

### Benefice Sunday School Can You Help?

Our Sunday School aims to help children have fun whilst learning more about loving God and our neighbours, about Jesus, the Bible and the life of the Church.

We meet at 3pm on the second Sunday of the month in St Thomas Church in Watchfield and each session is followed by refreshments in the Village Hall.

The sessions are led by our clergy team, and we are looking for people to join our team of volunteers who help to set up and clear away, serve refreshments, and more importantly help the children with their activities.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Lucy Laird: 01793 783519  
[info@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk](mailto:info@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk)

### A Weekend of Farewells

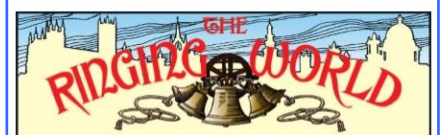
Last Saturday at Café Inspire we said goodbye to our local Methodist Minister Rev'd Rachael Wilson who is moving to a new post in London. The Belleplate group played 'One more step along the world I go' and various presentations were made. Then on Sunday, on behalf of the Benefice, we wished a happy retirement to the Ven Judy French, Archdeacon of Dorchester, who led our morning service at St Andrew's. A special quarter peal was rung for them following the service, and both were given prints of the lovely Pam Tilling painting of the Benefice churches.



Rachael says: "Thank you to all the folk at St Andrew's who have made me so welcome over the last few years."



Judy Says: Thank you so much for this - and much appreciate the ringers' kind tribute. I will treasure the gesture and offer my own thanks to them for their ministry and mission in Shrivenham. Thank you too for the lovely picture of the churches in the Benefice.



On Sunday, 10 July 2022 in 42m

Shrivenham, Oxfordshire  
St Andrew

Tenor: 6-0-17 in C

1260 Doubles (2m)

540 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire

- 1 Lucy Laird
- 2 Tony Crabtree
- 3 Jonathan Wright
- 4 Julian T Watson
- 5 Daniel J Watson (C)
- 6 David A J Endacott

Retirement compliment to the Venerable Judy French, Archdeacon of Dorchester.

Farewell compliment to Rev. Rachael Wilson, Methodist minister, moving to London.

