



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 19th November 2023 Second Sunday before Advent

Safeguarding Sunday 19th November

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

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Matins
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Matins
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Morning Prayer
- 10:00am Bourton, St James & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Shoebox Sunday Service

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
- 1:15pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Funeral – Rachel Trolen RIP

Thursday

- 9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
ASK Evening Prayer
- 6:00pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

Friday

- 9:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Matins
- 3:00pm Longcot, St Mary
Tea-time Fellowship
- 3:15pm Bourton, St James
Pinewood School Service

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work
in Church Lane in Ashbury, and Station Road
in Shrivenham.

St Andrew's Annual Brass Cleaning Morning

Saturday 25th November at 9:30am.

Helpers would be appreciated. Coffee provided!

Our condolences to the family and friends of
the late Sylvia Jessica King and Ron Johnson.
Please keep them in your prayers.

Sunday 26th November

- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Benefice Holy Communion with Choir
for the Feast of St Andrew

Looking to the Future – Your Next Vicar **An informal consultation**

Sunday 19th November from 3:30pm
Shrivenham Memorial Hall

Rev'd Norma Fergusson is retiring in May 2024, and
we are looking towards the future and her successor.

Come and share your thoughts and observations on
what we currently do well, what is less successful, and
what you would like to see happening in the future.

Tea and cake from 3:30pm, introduction at 4pm.

Informal discussions in small groups.

Ending by 6pm at the latest but leave earlier if you wish.

Advising us of your intention to attend is not compulsory
but will help to ensure we don't run out of cake!

We would love to see you there, but if you are
unable to come along, you can still take part in the
consultation process via our online survey which is
available at <https://s.surveypal.com/v3h79lf9>.

If you would like a paper copy, please contact the
Benefice Administrator (Lucy Laird) or pick one up
in church. All survey responses are anonymous.

01793 783519 info@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk

The Torriano Ensemble Autumn Concert

Sunday 19th November at 6pm
St. Mary's Church, Longcot

Admission free with a retiring collection in aid of
Longcot Village Trust and St Mary's Church.

Reservations should be made in advance by email to
victorialmedcalf@gmail.com

Thank You

Thank you to everyone
who came along to
support the Royal British
Legion coffee morning
in St Andrew's on Friday
10th November.



It was great to see so many there, and the total
raised was £781.10 – amazing!

Thank You



Thank you to the 1st Watchfield & Shrivenham Scout Group who made all the beautiful poppies which adorned St Andrew's Church on Remembrance Sunday.



Watchfield Christmas Fayre

Saturday 25th November
from 10am to 2pm in the Village Hall

Lots of stalls including cards, toiletries, preserves, jewellery, garden gifts and craft items.
Tombola and Raffle.

In aid of Watchfield Village Hall and St Thomas' Church

Ashbury Church Christmas Bazaar and Raffle

Saturday 25th November at 2pm in the Village Hall

Lots of stalls including cakes, books, bottle tombola, gifts, toys and games, and refreshments.

If you are able to support this event by providing items to sell please contact Maggie Simons on 01793 710801

All proceeds to St Mary's Church

Advent Calendars and Christmas Cards

Margaret Hern has a good selection of Christian charity Christmas cards and Advent calendars for sale.

Margaret lives in Shrivenham.
Ring her on 01793 782100
to arrange a time to visit



Confirmation

Bishop Gavin is coming to St Mary's Church, Longworth, on Saturday 2nd March for a service of confirmation.
If you think you might be interested in being confirmed and would like to find out more, please talk to Norma or Patrick and we will arrange classes after Christmas.

Tea-time Fellowship

Friday 24th November
St Mary's Church, Longcot from 3 – 4:30pm

Everyone is welcome to join us for a chat and a laugh over tea and cakes.

There is no charge but contributions to our chosen charity will be very welcome

Operation Christmas Child



We are once again supporting Operation Christmas Child by collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts for children. Our Benefice collection points are St Mary's Ashbury and St Andrew's Shrivenham, where you can also pick up a 'How to Pack Your Shoebox' leaflet which gives guidance on what can and can't be included.

Bring your shoebox to the Shoebox Sunday service in St Mary's at 11.00am on Sunday 19th November, or drop it off in either church any time before that date. More information from Maggie Simons 01793 710801 or the Samaritan's Purse website where you can also purchase a pre-packed shoebox.

www.samaritans-purse.org.uk

Pennyhooks Farm Christmas Fayre

Saturday 25th November
10.30am – 1.30pm

Products made by our students.
Home-made cake, tea and coffee.
Walk and see the animals.
Bottle tombola and raffle.

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