



The Shrevenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 3rd December 2023 Advent Sunday

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

- 7:45am Shrevenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrevenham, St Andrew.
Family Service
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Morning Prayer
- 5:30pm Fernham, St John & [Facebook](#)
Advent Carols with the Benefice Choir
and St Andrew's Handbell Ringers

Tuesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 11:15am Cremation – Ron Johnson RIP (family only)
Service of thanksgiving to follow, date to be
advised.

Wednesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group
Shrevenham Methodist Church
- 10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
- 2:00pm Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
ASK Holy Communion
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group
St Andrew's Vicarage

Thursday

- 9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 6:00pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's
- 7:45pm Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Compline for Advent

Friday

- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 3:15pm Bourton, St James
Pinewood School Service

Saturday

- 10:00am Café Inspire
Shrevenham Primary School Hall

Sunday 10th December

- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrevenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Holy Communion with Baptism
- 3:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas
Carol Service with the Benefice Choir
and St Andrew's Handbell Ringers
- 5:45pm Shrevenham, St Andrew
Christingle
followed by Carols around the Tree
- 6:30pm Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Carol Service with the Benefice Choir
and St Andrew's Handbell Ringers

What's Your Favourite Carol?



We will be sharing a carol every day on Facebook from
Advent Sunday until Christmas Day.

As last year we are inviting you to join in and tell us
about your favourite carol and why you like it.

Record a short video (no longer than 2 minutes, but
shorter is fine!) and email it to us.

Or get in touch and we'll do the filming for you.
01793 783519 info@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk

Each post will include a link to a specially chosen
version of the carol on YouTube.

Baby and Toddler Group



This week's session is the last one this term.
They will be having a Christmas party on Thursday 14th
December, but places must be booked in advance.
Please contact Hazel Morris on 07931 225 530
The group will restart on Thursday 11th January 2024.

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in
Ashdown Estate in Ashbury, and Sywell Road
and Trajan Road in Shrevenham.

St Andrew's Annual Brass Cleaning Morning



Thank you to all the polishers who helped to put the shine back on our brassware in St Andrew's.

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 to arrange a time to visit. 01793 782100

Christmas Services

Sunday 10th December

- 3:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas
Carol Service with the Benefice Choir and St Andrew's Handbell Ringers
- 5:45pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Christingle
followed by Carols around the Tree
- 6:30pm Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Carol Service with the Benefice Choir and St Andrew's Handbell Ringers bells

Saturday 16th December

- 5:00pm Ashbury, St Mary
Carol Service with the Benefice Choir and handbells

Sunday 17th December

- 4:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Carol Service with the Benefice Choir and handbells
- 6:30pm Longcot, St Mary. Also live on [Facebook](#).
Carol Service with the Benefice Choir and handbells

Wednesday 20th December

- 5:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Cloths for the Cradle

Thursday 21st December

- 10:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Messy Church Christmas Drop-in
- 5:00pm Fernham, Elmside Green
Village Carols

Friday 22nd December

- 6:00pm Ashbury Village Crossroads
Stations of the Nativity

Christmas Eve

- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 4:00pm Ashbury, St Mary
Crib Service
- 4:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Crib Service
- 4:00pm Bourton, St James
Village Carols
- 5:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 11:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Midnight Mass
- 11:30pm Longcot, St Mary
Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew. Also live on [Facebook](#).
Holy Communion
- 10:30am Ashbury, St Mary
Family Service with Communion by Extension

Sunday 31st December

- 11:00am Watchfield, St Thomas. Also live on [Facebook](#).
Benefice Communion

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.

Watchfield & Shrivenham Community Larder



St Alban's Church - open to all
Friday 1530 - 1800

The Community Larder is here for everyone, regardless of circumstance.
Offering a helping hand for anyone needing a little extra support.

Food donations welcome at the Jubilee Centre, St Alban's Church
(during Community Larder opening hours), and Building 43 for DefAc Staff.
Monetary donations gratefully received via bank transfer to:
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