



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 11th February 2024 Sunday next before Lent

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

- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas.
Matins
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Holy Communion
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Compline and Benediction

Monday

- 12:45pm Kingsdown Crematorium
Cremation – Joyce Harvey RIP

Tuesday

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

Ash Wednesday

- 9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Morning Prayer
- 10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
- 7:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion (BCP) with Choir
and Imposition of Ashes

Thursday

- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's
Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
- 7:45pm Compline for Lent

Friday

- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 1:00pm Stainswick Lane Cemetery, Shrivenham
Funeral – Sylvia Patricia Jones RIP
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Worship and Praise

Saturday

- 8:30am Men's Breakfast
The Barrington Arms, Shrivenham

Sunday 18th February

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

Songs & Stories and Baby & Toddler Group

The groups that meet on Wednesday and Thursday mornings are not meeting this week as it is half-term.

Lent Knitalong 2024



If you're looking for a Lent challenge, this year the Knitalong groups will be making a shawl (can double up as a triangular lap blanket if you're not a shawl person!) perfect to wear to church on Easter morning or as a gift.

You will receive advanced information about needles, wool etc, plus a swatch pattern you can knit to check you're happy with your chosen yarns/needle size and that the gauge/fabric looks good. The knitting pattern and accompanying reflections will be then sent out weekly.

There is also a dedicated Facebook group (['Victoria Methodist Bristol Knitalongs'](#)) which you are very welcome to join!

The first email will be sent on Monday 12th February ready for Ash Wednesday (14th February). Thereafter, the documents will be released on Fridays, ready for the following week. Enjoy!

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Walnut Trees Hill in Ashbury, and Chapelwick Close and Cowleaze Close in Shrivenham.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 17th February at 8:30am
The Barrington Arms, Shrivenham
For catering purposes, please let David Ahern know by Wednesday 14th if you plan to attend.
01793 783521 davidmahern@gmail.com

**Come and See – The Way of Love
A course for Lent and for Life**

Lent is early this year with Ash Wednesday on 14th February. Join us as we share the Diocesan Lent course, 'Come and See', which explores how God calls each of us into relationship with him, and how his love teaches us to love others.

Through daily emails and a short Sunday video, 'Explore the Way of Love' takes a closer look at the Commandments and what they mean in the context of what Jesus called the two most important:

you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength, and you shall love your neighbour as yourself. God's invitation is to walk the 'Way of Love' in relationship with him, while also showing his love to our neighbours.

To find out more, talk to Norma, Patrick or Richard or visit

oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see

Email Scam

We have been advised by other Deanery clergy that scam email has been sent to several of their church members asking them to purchase Amazon vouchers on behalf of the vicar as a thank you.

Apparently, the approach was extremely credible, and whilst it did use an unknown @google address, the scenario was plausible and convincing.

Please know that we would never do this, so if you get one of these emails, please just delete it, but it is disconcerting that parishioners are being targeted in this way.

Raffle Prizes – Can You Help?

The St Andrew's Restoration Group has two fundraising concerts coming up – an organ recital on 9th March and a variety concert on 20th April. If you are able to donate a raffle prize, please contact [David Watson](#).

St Mary's Church Longcot

Beautiful flower arrangements created by the Longcot Flower Team for the Service of Celebration of the life of Robert Birtwhistle on 9th February

