



WELCOME

TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

“Mirroring the hospitality of God”

Sunday 19th April Second Sunday of Easter

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Second Sunday of Easter

Rev'd Norma Fergusson is giving this Sunday's sermon.
Watch on our Facebook page or YouTube channel.
Available from 9am.

11.00am Holy Communion. Live on Facebook.

Tuesday

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on Facebook.

Wednesday

10:30am The Prayer Course. Live via Zoom. *

Thursday **St George, Martyr, Patron of England**

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on Facebook.

6.30pm Anthem of the Week (Choir – see below)

Sunday 26th April

11.00am Holy Communion. Live on Facebook

All links, orders of services and readings will be posted
on our website – no need to be 'on Facebook' or a
'YouTuber' to join in!

* If you would like to join the Prayer Course via Zoom,
please contact David Ahern for details. 01793 783521
thestable@protonmail.com

the prayer course

An eight week journey through the Lord's Prayer
using the course devised by Pete Greig,
founder of the 24/7 global prayer movement.
**We will be running the Prayer Course live via Zoom
starting on Wednesday 22nd April.
Each session starts at 10:30am.**

If you would like to join the Prayer Course, please
contact David Ahern for details of how to take part.
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Light a Candle of Hope

Place a lighted candle in the window at 7pm on Sunday
as a sign of solidarity and hope in the light of Christ that
can never be extinguished.



“The candle says to the darkness, I beg to differ”
Tom Clammer, former Precentor of Salisbury.

Loving God,

We pray for all those who are suffering because of the
coronavirus,
may they know your healing power.

When we are afraid for ourselves and our loved ones,
give us your strength and courage.

When we feel alone and isolated,
reassure us with a sense of your presence.

Give wisdom to those in authority
and may our community work together for the good of all.

We give thanks for those who care for others and ask
you to bless them in all they do.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, healer and physician.
Amen

St George's Day Thursday 23rd April



This colourful icon of St George
belongs to one of our Longcot parishioners.

Other ways to join in with worship

Don't forget that on weekdays there is the Daily Service
on BBC R4 Longwave at 09:45; Sunday Worship on BBC
Radio 4 at 08:10; and Choral Evensong on BBC Radio 3
on Wednesdays at 15:30 and Sundays at 15:00.

Check out the special page on our website for links to
on-line services, phone apps for daily prayers and other
useful resources. If you know anyone who is not on-line
and would like a paper copy, let us know.

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A Message from Longcot

Sadly, we have had to postpone the VE Day themed 'A Village Celebration' but we hope to put it on sometime in the future and here is a flavour of what we are planning. St Mary's Church will be decorated in a 1940s style with flags, bunting, and a street party to celebrate the end of WW II. Several of the windows will represent Longcot tales from that era such as the story of the Americans in the village. When there was beer at the Bricklayers Arms, they came in numbers to sit and drink on the Green. At the end of the war a lorry was sent to collect the children to take them back for a party at Shrivvenham camp to say thank you to the village.

Then there is Grace's story. In 1939 she was evacuated from the Isle of Dogs and arrived in Longcot as a shy, frightened 11 year old. She was billeted with Marjorie and Jack Larkin in Rose Cottage. They welcomed her into their family and taught her to ride a bicycle and milk a cow. She visited them for the rest of their lives. Vicky Medcalf has been working with the Clarinet Collective, to bring us a concert programme featuring works by composers of many different nationalities to link in with the theme of peace among nations on VE day. It will include timeless classics by Mozart and Ravel alongside popular music from the Twenties, Thirties and Forties including Gershwin's famous Rhapsody in Blue and a medley of Glen Miller's greatest hits. The rousing Dam Busters March will round off what promises to be a lively and entertaining evening. Stay well everyone and as soon as we can, we will bring you 'A Village Celebration'.

Shirley Dalton-Morris



Although our buildings are closed, the churches still rely on donations to stay active and provide care and support to everyone. If you normally contribute through the envelope scheme or collection plate, would you consider continuing that and leaving your envelopes or donations with your treasurer or churchwarden? Or possibly moving to direct giving through your bank if you can arrange this without travelling to your branch?

For Shrivvenham, Watchfield and Bourton, please telephone 01793 784338 or 01793 784756 for your nearest collection point. Thank you for your continued support.

Donate by Text

You can now donate by text to Ashbury, Shrivvenham, Watchfield and Bourton.

For Ashbury

Text **STMARYS 5** to **70085** to donate **£5**

For Shrivvenham, Watchfield & Bourton

Text **SWB** to **70460** to donate **£5**

Text **SWB** to **70450** to donate **£10**

Your standard text message rate applies.



Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith.

We will be running the Alpha Course live via Zoom starting on Monday 27th April. Each session starts at 7:30pm.

If you would like to join the Alpha Course, please contact David Ahern for details of how to take part. 01793 783521 thestable@protonmail.com

Shrivvenham Emergency Food Bank

The Food Bank is now in operation and is intended to supply vital foodstuffs to help support vulnerable people and those in our community who for whatever reason may be facing some difficulties in this current crisis.

Food donations can be dropped at 28 Charlbury Road and at 1 Damson Trees.

Liz Jenkins, the Coordinator for the Food Bank distribution can be contacted on liz_jenkins@btinternet.com or 07929 180184

A bank account has been opened for financial donations, which will be used to buy more supplies including fresh items. Donations can be made online only into a Nationwide account in the name of Mrs Elizabeth Jenkins sort code 07-16-60 account number 63379405

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in College Farm Lane.

Please contact Rev'd Fergusson for pastoral issues, and a churchwarden or the Benefice Administrator (shrivenham.ashbury.benefice@outlook.com) for other church enquiries.



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Stained glass window in St John's Fernham.