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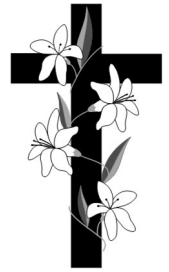
“Mirroring the hospitality of God”

Sunday 26th April Third Sunday of Easter

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Third Sunday of Easter

Richard 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.

You don't need
a Facebook or YouTube account to join in!

Monday

7:30pm Alpha. Live via Zoom.
See below for details of how to take part.

Tuesday

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on Facebook.

Wednesday

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

Thursday

9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on Facebook.
6.30pm Anthem of the Week (Choir)

Sunday 3rd May

11.00am Holy Communion. Live on Facebook

All links, orders of services and readings will be posted
on the services page of our website
www.shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk

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.



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God of compassion,

be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.

In their loneliness, be their consolation;

in their anxiety, be their hope;

in their darkness, be their light;

through him who suffered alone on the cross,

but reigns with you in glory,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



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.

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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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School News

Our local schools continue to welcome the children of
key workers and others with particular needs.

However, the majority of pupils are being cared for at
home, and the schools have provided access to on-line
resources for children and parents to use.

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 are running the Prayer Course live via Zoom every
Wednesday. Each session starts at 10:30am.

Don't worry if you missed the first session!

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is on Facebook

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Like our page to keep up to date with
news & events throughout the Benefice.



A Message from the Prayer Team

Prayer is the universal language of our souls that directly connects us with our loving God, a two-way conversation between creator and ourselves. As in any caring and loving relationship God wants us to set aside time to speak with him every day; to thank him, to share our worries with him and ask him to change situations beyond our control.

For most of us life has never been more uncertain than it is today. We are unsure of what tomorrow holds, fearful of what it might bring; anxious about work, health, relationships and finances. There are also many people in our community, particularly the vulnerable, who are feeling the emotional stress of self-isolation.

Billy Graham prophetically wrote: "To get nations back on their feet, we must first get down on our knees." The supernatural power of prayer has changed many lives and situations in the past and will continue to do so into the future. There are many things we cannot change but we can ask God who knows us and our circumstances better than we do. Please take time today to present your concerns to God. As you pray, be aware of God's reply because as the Bible shows, He likes to talk back to us.

If you would like to receive prayer for any matter contact:

Jane & David: 01793 783521 / 07983 630655
Bob & Janet: 01793 780038 / 07973 163337
Paul & Michele: 07969 078816 / 07825 883008
Richard & Norma: 01793 784338 / 07788 346831
07799 545035

If you would like to know more about prayer, please join the online Prayer Course this coming Wednesday.

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work on Ashdown Estate.

Donate by Text

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

For Ashbury

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

For Shrivenham, Watchfield & Bourton

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

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

Your standard text message rate applies.

Keeping in Touch

If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the weekly newsletter and updates on news and events in the Benefice please email Lucy Laird at shrivenham.ashbury.benefice@outlook.com
Email addresses are not visible to others on the distribution list.

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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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 Shrivenham, Watchfield and Bourton, please telephone 01793 784338 or 01793 784756 for your nearest collection point.

Thank you for your continued support.



"The Four Seasons"

This sculpture stands in Longcot churchyard and was created by local artist Pat Elmore RBA, and the children from the village school, as part of the Millennium celebrations. More of Pat's work can be seen in the Sculpture Garden at Nutford Lodge. The garden is child and dog friendly, so do take a look if you're walking around Longcot.

Our condolences

to the family of the late Mrs Joan Johnstone, formerly of Longcot but latterly of Stanford in the Vale. Her funeral was held at Kingsdown Crematorium on Friday 24th April.