



WELCOME

TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

“Mirroring the hospitality of God”

Sunday 7th June Trinity Sunday

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Trinity Sunday

Rev'd Robin Cardwell is giving this week's sermon.
Watch on our [Facebook](#) page or [YouTube](#) channel.
Available from 9am on Sunday 7th June.

11.00am Holy Communion. Live on [Facebook](#).

A Reminder

You don't need to set up
a Facebook or YouTube account to join in!
A 'How To' guide can be downloaded
from the services page on our website, or telephone
Lucy Laird for advice on 01793 783519.

Monday

Tuesday

9:00am Morning Prayer using the Iona Liturgy.
Live on [Facebook](#).

Wednesday

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

Thursday Corpus Christi

9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#).

6.30pm Anthem of the Week (Choir)

Friday

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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

Diocesan Survey – Online Services

Dr Simon Cross in Bishop Steven's office is looking at
the impact of churches being unable meet in person.

If you are attending online church services, you are
invited to complete this [short survey](#) as soon as possible
after the next online service you attend.

If you attend the Diocesan Church at Home service
and/or a number of other services from different
parishes, you are welcome to complete the survey for
each online service you've been to.

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in
Odstone Farm & Cottages.

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

Update on Re-opening our churches

As I mentioned in this space last week, we hope it may
be possible for places of worship to re-open from 4 July.
I am grateful to the churchwardens who are spending a
lot of time with their tape measures trying to make this
work. It is amazing how big two metres is when you start
to think about where people might sit.

Just to confirm there won't be an immediate return to the
service pattern we had before the pandemic. Initially
there is likely to be one public communion service and
one public service of the word each Sunday. Some
churches may also be open for private prayer, but we will
let you know more when we have worked out the finer
details. Meanwhile, the regular online services i.e.
Sunday 11am communion services; Morning Prayer on
Tuesdays and Thursdays; together with the monthly ASK
and Worship & Praise services will continue.

Please keep us in your prayers and know that you are in
ours.

Blessings, Norma

Lighting a Candle of Hope

Although the immediate restrictions are easing slowly,
there are many people for whom life is still not (and may
never be) quite the same. We all need hope and lighting
a candle is one way of encouraging both ourselves and
others. The flame may not be as obvious in these lighter
evenings, but it is good to know that it is still there.



Thank you, Lord

For being our companion in lockdown.
For sharing our laughter, prompting our memories,
healing our wounds and comforting our tears.
For reminding us of the beauty in the world.
For opening our eyes to acts of kindness and
compassion.

For being the light in the darkness which shows us the
way and encourages us to keep going.

For being our prayer when words fail.

For being our hope.

For being here.

Amen

Hello from ST ANDrew's FAmyly Service Team

We hope you are all well. If you've not heard of STANDFAST before we are a team of people who, with Norma's help, put together the Family Service in Shrivenham every month.

We also help to organise the Christingle Service, Crib Service and Good Friday children's activities.

Lockdown has been an interesting challenge for families.

Parents have had to quickly adapt to teaching their children at home. Even though most of the STANDFAST team have been (or are) teachers and teaching assistants, teaching your own children is a very different kettle of fish. I have realised that I have forgotten most of the French I learnt at school, but Google translate is very useful! I've also discovered that 10-year-old boys are much better at Year 9 IT than me!!



The schools have been fantastic providing resources, and without this I know I would have found it far more challenging. Schools of course have been open throughout providing much needed childcare for our keyworkers, however, they are now beginning to re-open in a gradual phased way to other pupils. This week saw the return of Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 students. Please pray for all the staff and children returning to school and for those making the decisions about how and when the rest will return.

STANDFAST have been trying to keep in touch with families in and around Shrivenham, mostly by Facebook. We were unable to do our usual Easter Garden making activity on Good Friday so instead we encouraged people to make their own at home.



This Sunday we are hoping to put a whole family service onto our [Facebook](#) page.

It is requiring me to learn new IT skills editing together videos the children have sent me but hopefully we'll pull it off! If it is successful, we will do one next month too.

If you or your children would like to be involved in the next online family service please email standfast.shrivenham@yahoo.com

As Café Inspire is not taking place, we are also going to try to put a craft activity on Facebook next Saturday.

Finally, when we are able to meet up properly again, Standfast will be back to organizing family services and Christmas services. We always welcome new members to our team so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to help us.

Becky Peal (A member of STANDFAST)

Our condolences

to the family and friends of the late Mr James Christie, Mr John Winskill and Mrs Rose Bradfield who died recently. The funerals have taken place.

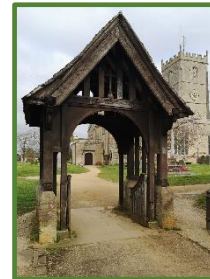
Church Services by Telephone

Daily Hope offers music, prayers, and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England. Dial 0800 804 8044 to hear a special greeting from the Archbishop, then choose from a range of options, including hymns, prayers, reflections, traditional morning and evening prayer and advice on COVID-19. Calls are free of charge.

Church at Home services from the Diocese of Oxford can be accessed by telephone. Dial 01865 920930 to hear the latest service (press 0= short service, 1= full service). Normal call rates apply.

Other ways to join in with worship

Visit the 'other ways to worship' 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. www.shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk



Although our buildings are closed, our churches still rely on donations to stay active and provide care and pastoral support to everyone. We would like to say a huge thank you to all those who already make a financial contribution towards our mission and ministry and the upkeep of our buildings during this difficult and uncertain time.

If you would like to know more about supporting us, please telephone our Treasurers on the numbers below.

Shrivenham, Watchfield and Bourton 01793 784756
Longcot and Fernham 01793 783324
Compton Beauchamp 01793 710889
Ashbury 01793 710208

If you would like to make a text donation, please to use the numbers below.

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**

For Longcot and Fernham

Text **LONGCOT** to **70085** to donate **£4**
Your standard text message rate applies.

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants
grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the
eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine
majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be
defended from all adversities;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

(Alternative readings)

Either **Isaiah 40:12-17. 27-31**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Who has measured the waters
in the hollow of his hand and
marked off the heavens with a
span, enclosed the dust of the
earth in a measure, and weighed
the mountains in scales and
the hills in a balance? Who has
directed the spirit of the LORD,
or as his counsellor has instructed
him? Whom did he consult for
his enlightenment, and who
taught him the path of justice?
Who taught him knowledge,
and showed him the way of
understanding? Even the nations
are like a drop from a bucket,
and are accounted as dust on the
scales; see, he takes up the isles
like fine dust. Lebanon would
not provide fuel enough, nor are
its animals enough for a burnt-
offering. All the nations are as
nothing before him; they are
accounted by him as less than
nothing and emptiness. Why do
you say, O Jacob, and speak, O
Israel, "My way is hidden from the
LORD, and my right is disregarded
by my God"? Have you not
known? Have you not heard? The

LORD is the everlasting God, the
Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint, and
strengthens the powerless. Even
youths will faint and be weary, and
the young will fall exhausted; but
those who wait for the LORD shall
renew their strength, they shall
mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Or **Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a**

PSALM Psalm 8

R [O Lord our governor,] how
exalted is your name in all
the earth.

O Lord our governor,
how exalted is your name in all
the world!
Out of the mouths of infants and
children
your majesty is praised above the
heavens.
You have set up a stronghold
against your adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the
avenger. **R**

When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have
set in their courses,
What are mortals, that you should
be mindful of them?
mere human beings, that you
should seek them out?
You have made them little lower
than the angels;
you adorn them with glory and
honour. **R**

You give them mastery over the
works of your hands;
and put all things under their feet,
All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of the
sea,
and whatsoever walks in the paths
of the sea. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters, put things
in order, listen to my appeal,
agree with one another, live in
peace; and the God of love and
peace will be with you. Greet one
another with a holy kiss. All the
saints greet you. The grace of the
Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy
Spirit be with all of you.

GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

The eleven disciples went to
Galilee, to the mountain to which
Jesus had directed them. When
they saw him, they worshipped
him; but some doubted. And
Jesus came and said to them,
"All authority in heaven and on
earth has been given to me. Go
therefore and make disciples of
all nations, baptizing them in the
name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit, and
teaching them to obey everything
that I have commanded you. And
remember, I am with you always,
to the end of the age."

POST COMMUNION

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect
unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your
ways
and evermore rejoice in your
eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one
God,
now and for ever.



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John 3:16-18

The Most Holy Trinity



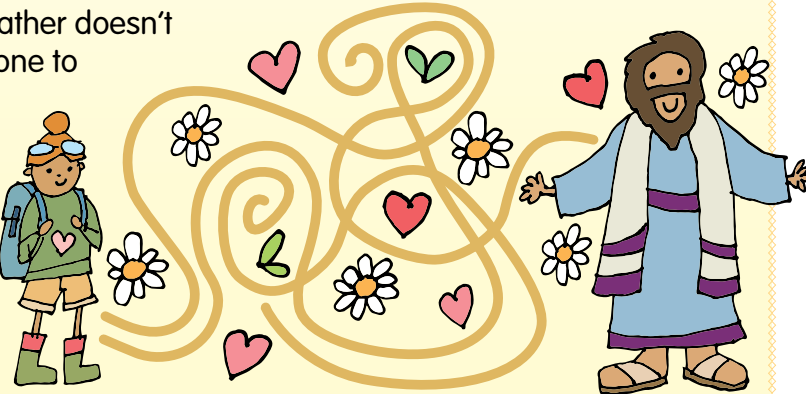
My name is _____

We hear how much God loves the world. God loves us so much that the Son of God came to live with us. This is so that we can live for ever as God's family.

GOD LOVES THE WORLD!

God the Father doesn't want anyone to be lost.

He sent his Son Jesus to show us the way. Find your way through the maze to Jesus.



A sign of love *

Inside this heart are words that tell us what love is like.

KIND PEACE CARE HELP
FAIR SHARE JOY

Make a loving heart by colouring each word in red as you find them.

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| Y | Q | R | K | A | L |
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Try to put these words into practice this week.

All about Jesus: God's best gift to us



Jesus was born in a _____ (tsblea)

Jesus died on a _____ (ssroc)

Jesus lives with his Father in _____ (nevhea)

Jesus lives with us in our _____ (theras)

We all belong to God's _____ (ilyfam)

God's beautiful world

God made a beautiful world – and put us all in charge of looking after it!

Look after creation and finish the jigsaw by copying the drawing on the correct piece.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Father in heaven, you love us so much that you sent your Son, Jesus, to live with us. Jesus is still living in our hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit. You show us what love is like; help us to be like you and love one another. Amen.