



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## Sunday 9th January 2022 Baptism of Christ

**Wearing a face covering is mandatory. Please don't come to church if you think you may have symptoms of Covid.**

Please sign in or use the QR code and continue to observe social distancing. Hand sanitiser is available.

Holy Communion will be offered in one kind only.



### Sunday 9th January

Canon Paul Richardson is giving today's sermon.

Watch on Facebook or YouTube from 9:00am.

9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & Facebook.

Matins (BCP)

9:30am Longcot, St Mary

Holy Communion

10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & Facebook.

Holy Communion

11:00am Ashbury, St Mary.

Holy Communion

3:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas

Benefice Sunday School

### Tuesday

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on Facebook

### Wednesday

9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & Facebook

Morning Prayer

9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group

Shrivenham Methodist Church

10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom

7:00pm Longcot & Fernham PCC Meeting

### Thursday

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

9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's

10:00am Ashbury, St Mary & Facebook

Holy Communion

6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

### Friday

9:00am Ashbury, St Mary & Facebook.

Matins (BCP)

### Saturday

8:30am Men's Breakfast, St Andrew's

### Sunday 16th

11:00am Ashbury, St Mary & Facebook

Benefice Holy Communion with Choir

### Canon Paul Richardson

As you know, Paul will be leaving us soon to become Priest in Charge of Tickhill and Stainton in the Diocese of Sheffield on 7th February.

His farewell service is on Sunday 16th January at 11am in St Mary's Church Ashbury and everyone is welcome.

Although Paul has only been with us for a little over a year, he has made a tremendous difference – particularly in children's ministry both in starting Sunday School and as a governor at Longcot school – but also through pastoral, prayerful ministry in all seven churches and, of course, as a valued friend and colleague. We will miss Paul, but the calls of family and vocation cannot be ignored and in answering them he is, as always, showing us what it means to live a life of discipleship.

Please hold Paul, Katriona and their family in your prayers as they prepare for this next stage in their lives.

### **Rev'd Norma Fergusson is off duty from Monday 3rd January until Friday 14th January.**

Please contact Canon Paul Richardson for pastoral issues, and your local churchwarden or the Benefice Administrator for other church enquiries.

### Community Cycles of Prayer

There are many cycles of prayer in the church year and one of the most important is that of praying intentionally for our local communities – schools, businesses, families and friends.

This week please pray for all who live and work in The Malhouses Ashbury, and Ballingers and Gealer Grove Shrivenham.

### Wednesday Study Groups

The online Zoom group will restart on 12th January at 10.30am. The group that meets at the Vicarage restarts on 19th January at 7pm.

We will be looking at 'Holy Habits', an adventure in Christian discipleship based upon Luke's picture of the early church in Acts 2:42-47. It explores and encourages the practice of ten disciplines, or holy habits: biblical teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, prayer, sharing resources, serving, eating together, gladness and generosity, worship and making more disciples.

If you would like to join either group, please contact the Benefice Administrator (Lucy Laird).

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### Helpers Urgently Needed for St Andrew's Baby and Toddler Group



One of the leaders has had to step back for health reasons and the group urgently needs some extra helpers. They meet on a Thursday from 9 - 11am (term-time only) in St Andrew's Church.

If you can help (even occasionally) or would like more information, please contact Lucy Laird. 01793 783519

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### Men's Breakfast in Shrivenham

Saturday 15th January at 8:30am (Covid permitting!)



Meet at 8:30am in St Andrew's for a short time of prayer then put the world to rights over breakfast.

The Taylor's are hosting this month. For catering purposes, please let Chris know if you plan to attend.  
07867 520824 [cstaylor1974@hotmail.com](mailto:cstaylor1974@hotmail.com).

Men's Breakfast will run monthly on the 3rd Saturday.

### Shrivenham Bereavement Café

Last Tuesday of each month from 1 - 2pm  
and occasional evening cafés at 6pm.

All are welcome and there is no charge.

We meet to talk, share our stories  
and have a cuppa together.

Tuesday 25th January at 1pm at the Vicarage  
Tuesday 22nd February at 1pm at 5 Martens Road  
Tuesday 29th March at 1pm at the Vicarage  
Tuesday 26th April at 1pm at 5 Martens Road

Norma and Rose-Anne are experienced bereavement workers. Do feel free to contact them if you want to know more or have any questions.

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### Valentine's Concert

Saturday 12th February at 7:30pm  
St Andrew's Church Shrivenham

A date for your diary - more details to follow.

In aid of St Andrew's Restoration Fund



### Community Coffee Morning

Friday 21st January  
from 10.30am – noon  
in St Andrew's Church  
Shrivenham

Come for cake and a cuppa.

Catch up with old friends  
and maybe make  
some new ones.

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### The Nativity in St Andrew's Church

The Magi have arrived

