



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 3rd July 2022

Third Sunday after Trinity

Please do not come into church if you think you may have symptoms of Covid 19.

Please respect the concerns of others in the congregation. Hand sanitizer is available.

Sunday 3rd July

Richard Fergusson is giving today's online sermon. Watch on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or our [website](#) from 9am.

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun Matins (BCP)
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#) Holy Communion (BCP) for the Feast of St Thomas
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary Holy Communion by Extension
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew Family Service
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary Morning Prayer
- 3:00pm Longcot Methodist Chapel United Service
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#) Compline and Benediction

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group Shrivenham Methodist Church
- 10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
- 2:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & Facebook ASK Holy Communion

7:00pm Wednesday Study Group St Andrew's Vicarage

Thursday

- 9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

Friday 1st July

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

Saturday

- 9:00am Children's Clothing Giveaway St Andrew's Church Shrivenham
- 10:00am Café Inspire in Shrivenham School Hall

Sunday 10th July

- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas. Matins (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary. Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#) Holy Communion led by the Ven Judy French, Archdeacon of Dorchester
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary. Holy Communion with Baptism
- 3:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas Benefice Sunday School followed by refreshments in the Village Hall

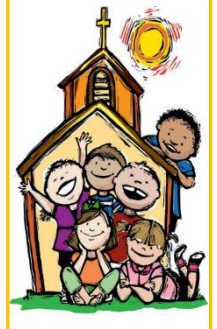
Benefice Sunday School 10th July at 3pm

St Thomas' Church Watchfield followed by refreshments in the Village Hall

Open to all children aged 4 – 11 in the Benefice.

Please note that there will be no Sunday School in August – we'll be back on 11th September.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Rev'd Norma Fergusson on 01793 784338



Shrivenham Open Gardens

Sunday 3rd July 2pm - 5pm

Map and list of gardens **£5.00** from Shrivenham Post Office in advance, or the church and open gardens on the day.

No charge for accompanied children



There will be 9 gardens to explore including 4 that are opening for the first time this year.

Refreshments will be available in St Andrew's Church during the afternoon

In aid of St Andrew's Church Restoration Fund

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for all who live and work in Church Lane in Ashbury, and Shrivenham High Street.

Welcome to Elsie Elvina Dickinson who was baptised at St Thomas Watchfield on Sunday 26th June.

**Benefice Pilgrimage
from Ashbury to Compton Beauchamp**



Maggie Simons writes: Sunday 26th June was a bright and breezy day when we gathered in St Mary's car park for our pilgrimage walk to St Swithun's. There was the opportunity to look inside St Mary's church as some of the group had never been inside and after a prayer, we set off for the walk of just under two miles. We walked through Ashbury, past the pond and then across grassy fields, through oil seed rape and only met one herd of cows before we arrived in Compton Beauchamp just under an hour later.



The paths had been cleared, thanks to the landowners, so the walk was fairly easy, and we could chat with different people as we walked – something I really appreciated as I usually walk alone. We were welcomed in Compton Beauchamp with a delicious and very welcome tea before going into St Swithun's for a short pilgrimage service. We followed the same trail back to Ashbury finishing in the Rose and Crown pub for a social drink.



**Tea in St Mary's Community
Hub, Longcot**

Friday 15th July
from 2 till 4pm

Come and see the new facilities, visit the bell tower (and have a ring if you would like!) and learn more about the exciting plans for the playground.

Representatives of Home Instead will be there as well to talk about how they support local communities.

If you are part of a local group, why not come along and share information about what you do?

For more details contact
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Bottles Please!

The Bottle Tombola at Shrivenham Village Fete at the end of August is one of the major fund raising events for St Andrew's Church General Fund. Margaret Hern will be pleased to receive bottles of any kind, but no cans. She will collect from you if required. Margaret 01793 782100

**Brush Up Your
Shakespeare**

Saturday July 23rd
at 7:30pm
in St Andrew's Church

Tickets £10 from
Shrivenham Post Office,
IV Florist and on the door



"A celebration of the Bard. Historical/Tragical. Tragical/Pastoral. Pastoral/Historical. Words, Music, Drama ... and a dog."

In aid of the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal and St Andrew's Church Shrivenham

Wanted: Foundation Governor at Shrivenham C of E School from September 2022. It could be you!

Foundation governors are appointed by the Oxfordshire Diocese (usually on a 4-year term) and are responsible for ensuring the school maintains its Christian ethos, as well as being a critical friend on other governance matters. Working within the construct of the Faringdon Learning Trust, governors have oversight of the school at the strategic level and are accountable for the performance of the school. Shrivenham School will shortly be relocating to a new site, so it's a really exciting time to get involved. We need a wide range of skills and training is provided to help governors fulfil this vital role.

If you would like to know more, contact Chris Taylor
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