



# The Shrevenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## Sunday 27th November 2022

## Advent Sunday

**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.

### Advent Sunday 27th November

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

- 10:15am Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Benefice Holy Communion with Choir for the Feast of St Andrew
- 5:30pm Longcot, St Mary & [Facebook](#)  
Benefice Advent Carol Service with Choir and handbells

### Monday

- 10:30am Ashbury, St Mary  
Ashes Interment – Jackie Chambers RIP

### Tuesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 1:00pm Bereavement Café  
5 Martens Road Shrevenham

### Wednesday

- 9:00am Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Morning Prayer
- 9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group  
Shrevenham Methodist Church
- 10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group  
St Andrew's Vicarage

### Thursday 1st December

- 9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 3:15pm Shrevenham, St Andrew  
Messy Church
- 6:00pm Benefice Choir Practice  
in St Andrew's Shrevenham
- 7:45pm Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Compline for Advent

### Friday

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

### Saturday

- 10:00am Bourton, St James  
Family Service
- 11:00am Compton Beauchamp PCC

### Sunday 4th December

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

### What's Your Favourite Carol?



We will once again be sharing a carol every day on Facebook from Advent Sunday until Christmas Day.

This year we are inviting you to join in and tell us about your favourite carol and why you like it.

You can either record a short video (about 2 minutes) and email it to us or get in touch and we'll do the filming for you: [info@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk](mailto:info@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk)

Each post will include a link to a specially chosen version of the carol on YouTube.

### Ashbury Church Christmas Bazaar and Raffle

Saturday 26th November at 2pm in the Village Hall  
Lots of stalls including cakes, books, bottle tombola, gifts, toys and games, and refreshments.  
All proceeds to St Mary's Church

### Bottle Tombola in Aid of St Thomas' Church Watchfield

The church will be running a bottle tombola in aid of St Thomas at the annual Christmas Fayre at Watchfield Village Hall on Saturday 3rd December.  
It is open from 10am till 2pm.

### Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in High Street in Ashbury, and Vicarage Lane in Shrevenham.

### St Andrew's Annual Brass Cleaning Morning

Saturday 26th November at 9am.  
Helpers would be appreciated. Coffee provided!

### Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who filled a shoebox.



There was a huge pile in St Andrew's ready to be taken to join Ashbury's collection - we couldn't fit them all on the altar for the service in St Mary's!

They have now been delivered to the Highworth Collection Centre for the next stage of their journey.



It's not too late to make a difference to a child in need this Christmas – visit the Samaritan's Purse website to pack your own box or purchase a pre-packed shoebox.

[www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk)

### Shrivenham Warm Spaces Initiative

Are you struggling to heat your home?  
Would you like somewhere warm to go in the winter?

The following places will be warm and open at the times shown below.

St Andrews Church: every day until dusk except during services and Thursday mornings.

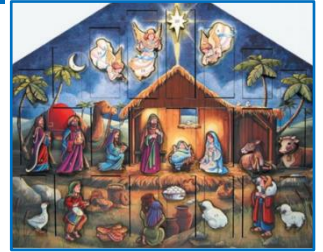
The Methodist Church: Wednesdays from 9am till noon, and Fridays from 10am to 1pm.

The Barrington Room at the Memorial Hall: weekdays from 1pm to 5pm.

If you're struggling to pay your bills or buy other essentials like food and drink, visit the Vale of White Horse District Council '[Cost of Living](#)' page for information about what support is available.

### Advent Calendars, Candles and Christmas Cards

Margaret Hern has a good selection of Christian charity Christmas cards, Advent calendars and candles for sale from the Lighthouse Book Shop in Highworth.



Margaret lives in Shrivenham.

Ring her to arrange a time to visit 01793 782100



St Andrew's Shrivenham  
Thursday 1st December  
from 3:15 – 5pm

Messy Church is a church with a difference!

A chance to be creative, hear Bible stories, eat yummy food and have fun with friends and family.  
Suggested donation of £1.50 per child.

To book click [here](#), scan the QR code or email [standfast.shrivenham@yahoo.com](mailto:standfast.shrivenham@yahoo.com)



**Messy Church is open to the whole Benefice.**

### Welcome

Welcome to Atticus James Nurick who was baptised at St Andrew's Shrivenham on Saturday 5th November during a service to bless the marriage of his parents Anna and Rupert Nurick, which took place in the middle of the COVID pandemic.

### Congratulations



Congratulations to Chloe Boyd and Kristopher Price who were married at St Andrew's Shrivenham on Saturday 19th November.



# Reading Sheet for St Andrew the Apostle

## The Collect

Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Saint Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ and brought his brother with him: call us by your holy word, and give us grace to follow you without delay and to tell the good news of your kingdom; 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. **Amen**

## First Lesson

### *Romans 10:12-18*

There is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!' But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed our message?' So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ. But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have; for 'Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.'

## Gospel Reading

### Introduction

Alleluia, alleluia.

I have called you friends, says the Lord, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

*All Alleluia.*

### *Matthew 4:18-22*

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake - for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

## Prayer after Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**