



WELCOME

TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

“Mirroring the hospitality of God”

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Services this Sunday Passiontide Lent 5

Richard Fergusson is giving this Sunday's sermon.
Watch on our Facebook page or YouTube channel.
Links will be posted on our website – no need to be 'on Facebook' or a 'YouTuber' to watch it!

Light a Candle

Having lit our candles at 7pm last Sunday, Rev'd Robin Cardwell suggested having a set time when candles could be lit in each church and those who wished could come together (at a respectful distance!) in a time of meditation. Unfortunately, that is no longer possible, so we would like to suggest lighting your candles at 7pm every Sunday, and spending a few moments thinking and praying about family, friends and the world around us. Although we can't be physically together for some time, love and prayer are not bounded by space or time and it will be a way of sharing in worship.

You might like to use the prayer below.

Loving God,

We pray for all those who are suffering because of the coronavirus,

may they know your healing power.

When we are afraid for ourselves and our loved ones,
give us your strength and courage.

When we feel alone and isolated,
reassure us with a sense of your presence.

Give wisdom to those in authority
and may our community work together for the good of all.

We give thanks for those who care for others and ask
you to bless them in all they do.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, healer and physician.
Amen

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live
and work in Berrycroft Lane.

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

A Message from Rev'd Fergusson

I expect you (like us) are saddened by the decision to close our churches, but we recognise and support the need to keep everyone safe.

Please remember that God is not confined to any place or time. In John 14 Jesus says 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.' That doesn't mean we're not apprehensive about the future, of course we are - but it does mean that our apprehension is tempered by the knowledge of God's love for all of us, always and everywhere.

For our part we will continue to try to be loving and creative in finding ways to serve you. Please pray for one another as we pray for you and we will look forward to worshipping together again in our churches when this is over.

With love and every blessing on you and your families
Norma & Richard

Something to look forward to!

Rev'd Nina Summerfield's licensing service has been postponed until September. She is still looking forward to joining us when the coronavirus pandemic is over and says "One great thing for me is that I can visualise each of the churches in the S&A Benefice even though some I have visited only once...that enables me to pray for their congregations in a more meaningful way."

iSingPOP

iSingPOP have launched a YouTube Channel featuring short videos for families to share together during this unprecedented time at home. The vlogs will contain a variety of material, all based around the songs they teach in school. Take a look at the welcome video for an introduction and a sneak peak at some of the content!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M9jBUW8OnGU>

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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