



# WELCOME

## TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

"Mirroring the hospitality of God"

Sunday 12th April Easter Sunday

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### Easter Sunday

Rev'd Norma Fergusson is giving this Sunday's sermon.  
Watch on our Facebook page or YouTube channel.  
Available from 9am.

11.00am Holy Communion. Live on Facebook.

### Wednesday

10:30am The Bible Course. Live via Zoom. \*

### Thursday

6.30pm Anthem of the Week (Choir – see below)

### Sunday 19th April

11.00am Holy Communion. Live on Facebook

All links, orders of services and readings will be posted  
on our website – no need to be 'on Facebook' or a  
'YouTuber' to join in!

\* If you would like to join the Bible Course via Zoom,  
please contact David Ahern for details. 01793 783521  
[thestable@protonmail.com](mailto:thestable@protonmail.com)

### Light a Candle of Hope

Place a lighted candle in the window at 7pm on Sunday  
as a sign of solidarity and hope in the light of Christ that  
can never be extinguished.

### 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

### Choir

In these times of physical separation, the choir (which  
usually meets in St. Andrew's on Thursdays) has found a  
way to still sing together, through our 'Anthem of the  
Week' series. Each Tuesday, Claire sends out the sheet  
music and a backing track by email and we all, wherever  
we are, sing it at 6.30 on Thursday evening. Just these  
few minutes of singing 'together' are a chance for us to  
feel connected and to keep experiencing the joy of choral  
singing. This weekend, to celebrate Easter, we are  
singing an extra anthem, 'This Joyful Eastertide', which  
we had planned to sing in the service in St. Andrew's on  
Easter Eve.

If you are not part of the choir but would like to join in, do  
get in touch and we will very happily include you in our  
weekly email of music. [chartley.music@gmail.com](mailto:chartley.music@gmail.com)

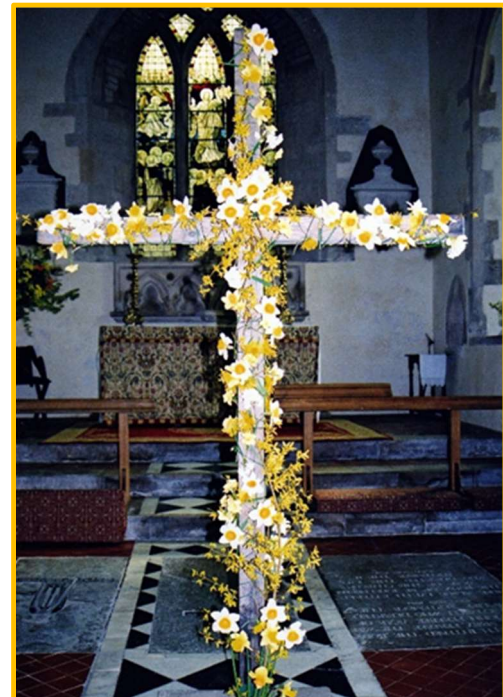


### Other ways to join in with worship

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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The Easter Cross at St Mary's, Ashbury  
A lovely photo from a few years ago

### Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

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

### A Message from the Bell Ringers

As I take my daily walk around Shrivenham, one of the things that people mention (from the compulsory 2m distance!) is that they miss hearing the bells ringing for Sunday services and on Monday evenings when we practice. I'm sure the villagers of Longcot and Ashbury are feeling the same. Of course, in Shrivenham and Ashbury we still hear the clock chimes as they are automated. Thank you to Tony Crabtree for restoring the missing dong to the chimes at St Andrew's. We ringers are also missing the bells - the physical and mental exercise that ringing involves as well as the social interaction and post-practice visit to the pub! But the strange thing is, that for bell ringers, Holy Week did actually feel more like a 'normal' pre-coronavirus week as our bells are always silent from the day after Palm Sunday until they call us to church on Easter Sunday morning to celebrate our Lord's resurrection. We return to our 'new normal' of no ringing because we can't rather than because we don't on Easter Sunday!  
Lucy Laird



Although our buildings are closed, the churches still rely on donations to stay active and provide care and support to everyone. If you normally contribute through the envelope scheme or collection plate, would you consider continuing that and leaving your envelopes or donations with your treasurer or churchwarden? Or possibly moving to direct giving through your bank if you can arrange this without travelling to your branch? For Shrivenham, Watchfield and Bourton, please telephone 01793 784338 or 01793 784756 for your nearest collection point. Thank you for your continued support.

#### Donate by Text

You can now donate by text to Ashbury, Shrivenham, Watchfield and Bourton. Our other churches will also offer this soon.

#### 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**

Your standard text message rate applies.

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



Decorating the font for Easter last year  
St Thomas' Watchfield

### Shrivenham Emergency Food Bank

The Food Bank is now in operation and is intended to supply vital foodstuffs to help support vulnerable people and those in our community who for whatever reason may be facing some difficulties in this current crisis.

Food donations can be dropped at 28 Charlbury Road and at 1 Damson Trees.

Liz Jenkins, the Coordinator for the Food Bank distribution can be contacted on [liz\\_jenkins@btinternet.com](mailto:liz_jenkins@btinternet.com) or 07929 180184

A bank account has been opened for financial donations, which will be used to buy more supplies including fresh items. Donations can be made online only into Nationwide account EA Jenkins sort code 07-16-60, Acc no – 63379405



This beautiful Easter basket graced the font  
at St Mary's Longcot a few years ago



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