



# WELCOME

## TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

"Mirroring the hospitality of God"

Sunday 10th May Fifth Sunday of Easter

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### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Padre Phil Burrows is giving this week's sermon.

Watch on our Facebook page or YouTube channel.

Available from 7am on VE Day Friday 8th May.

11.00am Holy Communion. Live on Facebook.

**You don't need**

**a Facebook or YouTube account to join in!**

**A 'How To' guide can be downloaded  
from the services page on our website.**

### Monday

7:30pm Alpha. Live via Zoom.

### Tuesday

9:00am Morning Prayer using the Iona Liturgy.  
Live on Facebook.

### Wednesday

10:30am The Prayer Course. Live via Zoom.

### Thursday

9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on Facebook.  
6.30pm Anthem of the Week (Choir)

### Friday

4:00pm Ashbury PCC. Live via Zoom  
5:30pm Worship and Praise. Live via Zoom.  
John and Julie Steventon will be leading the worship.  
Contact David Ahern for details of how to take part.  
01793 783521 [thetable@protonmail.com](mailto:thetable@protonmail.com)

### Sunday 17th May

11.00am Joint Holy Communion Service with  
Shrivenham Methodist Church for  
Christian Aid Week. Live on Facebook

All links, orders of services and readings will be posted  
on the services page of our website  
[www.shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk](http://www.shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk)

### **A note from Rev'd Fergusson**

You may have seen this week that churches may be  
opened for private prayer by clergy only.

Our Benefice churches will remain closed until it is  
possible for everyone to enter for their private prayers.  
God willing, that day will not be too far away.

Blessings, Norma

### **Other ways to join in with worship**

Visit the 'other ways to worship' 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.  
[www.shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk](http://www.shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk)

### **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.



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### **God of compassion,**

be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.

In their loneliness, be their consolation;

in their anxiety, be their hope;

in their darkness, be their light;

through him who suffered alone on the cross,

but reigns with you in glory,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Christian Aid Week**

**10-16 May 2020**

Visit [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk) for ways to donate

### **PCC Meetings**

Not quite business as usual, but our Parochial Church  
Councils still have work to do.

Unable to gather in the same place, meetings are going  
ahead via Zoom and email.

Longcot and Fernham PCC met via Zoom on Thursday  
7th May, and Ashbury will follow suit on Friday 17th May,  
with one of their members contributing from America!

Shrivenham with Watchfield & Bourton have so far  
managed to conduct any necessary business via email,  
but the Benefice Zoom account allows for unlimited  
meetings, so watch this space.

### **Ashbury Cycle of Prayer**

Please pray this week for all who live  
and work in Idstone Road.

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.

### A Message from St Andrew's Choir

Singing is part of everyday life. Whether it be humming along to a tune on the radio, joining in with wartime songs as we commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day or singing a favourite hymn, we all know that singing lifts the spirits. Through singing we can often express how we feel in our hearts, even if we cannot ourselves find the right words to say.

Of course, we know that singing hymns and anthems is more than just repeating a good melody; St Augustine said, 'Those who sing pray twice'. In our own small way, the Choir have been helping to keep worship from St Andrew's alive by singing from our own homes. Through "Anthem of the Week", at 6.30 pm each Thursday night, when we would usually be meeting in St Andrew's, we sing together. This shared moment unites us as a choir and has become part of the weekly rhythm of this period of 'lockdown'. It keeps us feeling connected, and ready for the day we can all begin to return to a more 'normal' way of life.

If you would like to join us and make this part of your 'everyday' life then please contact Claire Hartley (chartley.music@gmail.com) who will share the music with you.

### Church Services by Telephone



**Daily Hope** offers music, prayers, and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England. Dial 0800 804 8044 to hear a special greeting from the Archbishop, then choose from a range of options, including hymns, prayers, reflections, traditional morning and evening prayer and advice on COVID-19. Calls are free of charge.

**Church at Home** services from the Diocese of Oxford can be accessed by telephone. Dial 01865 920930 to hear the latest service (press 0= short service, 1= full service). Normal call rates apply.

### Donate by Text

You can now donate by text to Ashbury, Longcot, Fernham, Shrivenham, Watchfield and Bourton.

#### 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**

#### For Longcot and Fernham

Text **LONGCOT** to **70085** to donate **£4**  
Your standard text message rate applies.

### Thank You for Your Support!

Although our buildings are closed, our churches still rely on donations to stay active and provide care and pastoral support to everyone.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all those who feel able to continue their financial contribution towards our mission and ministry and the upkeep of our buildings during this difficult and uncertain time.

If you would like to know more about supporting us, please telephone our Treasurers on the numbers below.

Shrivenham, Watchfield and Bourton 01793 784756  
Longcot and Fernham 01793 783324  
Compton Beauchamp 01793 710889  
Ashbury 01793 710208

### ASHBURY WITH COMPTON BEAUCHAMP CHURCH OF ENGLAND (A) PRIMARY SCHOOL



#### Ashbury CE Primary School VE Day Celebrations

The school has produced a wonderful compilation video of their VE Day celebrations to a backing track of Dame Vera Lynn and Katherine Jenkins singing 'We'll Meet Again'.

Watch it on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LUk-nFPOQQs&feature=youtu.be>



Shrivenham resident Ron Johnson shares his memories of VE Day 1945.

Watch on YouTube:

[https://youtu.be/x\\_38lzSCqgM](https://youtu.be/x_38lzSCqgM)

His story is also included in an article in The Guardian. Read it here:

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/may/07/alone-with-union-jack-ve-day-veterans-90s-miss-out>

