



WELCOME

TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

"Mirroring the hospitality of God"

Sunday 17th May Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rev'd Rachael Wilson is giving this week's sermon.

Watch on our Facebook page or YouTube channel.

Available from 9am on Sunday 17th May.

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

5:30pm Evensong (BCP). 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.
6:00pm Benefice Wardens' meeting via Zoom.
6:30pm Anthem of the Week (Choir)

Friday

Sunday 24th May

11.00am Holy Communion. Live on Facebook

All links, orders of services and readings will be posted
on the services page of our website

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A Message from Rev'd Robin Cardwell

Christian Aid Week

This Sunday marks the end of Christian Aid Week.
Most of you who read this will know all about this – for
decades the Week has been as much a part of Spring as
blossom on the trees and cow-parsley in the hedgerows.
Many of you will have been involved in delivering and
collecting gift-envelopes round the streets – a practice
which has now almost stopped – even in normal years.

But Christian Aid still needs our donations.
And this year we'll have to do it by post or on-line.

I do hope we'll all think about doing that.

Christian Aid has been going for 75 years.
It was started by concerned Christians who wanted to do
something to help the millions of displaced refugees in
Europe at the end of the Second World War.

Over the succeeding years they tried to bring help to
communities to a wider and wider area, working on
behalf of 41 different Christian Churches. Now they are
involved in projects all over the world, working with
governments and a host of local organizations –
Christian and non-Christian.

They are trying to help in different emergency situations,
including the Coronavirus crisis, the Rohingya refugee
disaster in Bangladesh and the ongoing refugee crisis
caused by the war in Syria.

In one of George Eliot's novels, the main character sums
up his ambition in life: "I will try to make life less bitter for
a few within my reach". It's because we want to do this
too that we are marking Christian Aid Week.

Visit www.christianaid.org.uk for ways to donate.

A note from Rev'd Fergusson

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 as a task
force has been set up to provide more detailed guidance.
More information will be published as we receive it.
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

Our condolences

to the families of the late Mrs Irene Charlesby, Mrs Hazel
Gooderson and Mrs Vera Tilling who have died recently.
The funerals have taken place.

Wednesday 20th May is national Thank a Teacher Day



Teachers (including home-schooling parents)
are doing a brilliant job. How will you thank yours?

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

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



Photo by Erica Crabtree

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 already make a 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

If you would like to make a text donation, please to use the numbers below.

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.

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

Virtual Bereavement Café



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Monday 25th May from 7 – 8pm. Live via Zoom.

An informal online get-together for anyone who has been bereaved at any time, hosted by Rose-Anne and Norma. Open to all, regardless of faith or beliefs. Free of charge.

If you would like to 'drop in' please contact Rose-Anne or Norma and they will send details of how to take part.

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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.



Shrivenham & Ashbury Benefice is on Facebook

Search: @shrivenhamandashbury

Like our page to keep up to date with news & events throughout the Benefice.



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