



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## Sunday 13th February 2022

## Third Sunday before Lent

**Please do not come into church if you think you may have symptoms of Covid 19.**

Wearing a face covering indoors is no longer mandatory but we would encourage you to exercise discretion, especially in larger services or smaller churches.

Please respect the concerns of others in the congregation, sign in or use the NHS QR code and continue to observe social distancing.

Hand sanitizer is available.

Holy Communion will be offered in one kind only.

### Sunday 13th February

Richard Fergusson is giving today's sermon. Watch on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or our [website](#) from 9:00am

- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Matins (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion
- 3:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas  
Benefice Sunday School
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Healing Service

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

- 9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)
- 9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

### Friday

- 9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Worship and Praise

### Saturday

- 8:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Men's Breakfast
- 11:00am Stainswick Lane Cemetery  
Interment of Ashes – Peter Trowbridge
- 2:00pm Compton Beauchamp PCC Meeting

### Sunday 20th February

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun  
Matins (BCP)
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Matins (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Morning Prayer
- 10:00am Bourton, St James  
Holy Communion
- 10:30am Shrivenham Methodist Church & [Facebook](#)  
Covenant Service
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Taizé Service
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Compline and Benediction

### Healing Service

#### Sunday 13th February at 5:30pm

St Andrew's Church Shrivenham

There are, or should be, aspects of healing in every service as we come before the God who loves us and wants only the best for us. But sometimes we need to spend time thinking more intentionally about healing – for ourselves, for others, for creation.

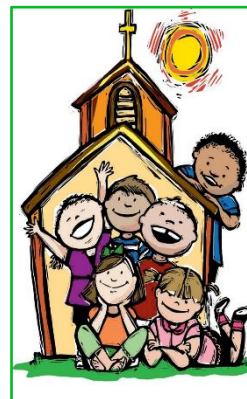
This Sunday at 5.30pm we invite you to join us in St Andrew's for a short time of music, prayer and reflection. There will also be an opportunity for personal prayer for those who wish.

For further information please talk to Norma (01793 784338) or David Ahern (01793 783521)

### Benefice Sunday School Sunday 13th February at 3pm

St Thomas' Church Watchfield  
followed by refreshments  
in the Village Hall

Children from across the Benefice are welcome to attend our monthly Sunday School at St Thomas' Church Watchfield, and "Come and See with Cake and Tea" in the Village Hall to celebrate all they have done!



Drop your child off for a 3pm start and then at 4pm come and see what they have been doing and have a cuppa and cake as we celebrate their work with a short family service, heading back home around 4.30pm.

Parent/s who wish to stay for the whole time are very welcome to do so.

Next session – Sunday 13th March

### Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Berrycroft Lane in Ashbury, and Charlbury Road in Shrivenham

### Lent Challenge for 2022

We have a different Lent challenge for you this year – inspired by knitters at Victoria Methodist Church in Bristol who are holding their third Lent knitalong this year and would warmly welcome knitters from all over the country (and beyond!) to join them.

The knitalong will take the format of weekly emails throughout Lent, consisting of a set of daily knitting instructions (or 'clues') and specially written meditations for each day.



By the end of the knitalong, each knitter will have completed a cushion cover. Those participating may like to buy a cushion pad in advance so it can be sewn up/finished on Easter morning - full details of dimensions etc. will be available on the information sheet.

The design of the cushion cover is a surprise but will only use simple knit and purl stitches, so should be achievable by knitters of all abilities.

Alongside each knitting clue will be a daily meditation which knitters may wish to use as they knit and enjoy some quiet, reflective time as they journey through Lent. The meditations have been written by a team of seven Ministers, preachers and worship leaders from the Bristol area and beyond.

An information sheet, containing details of yarn/needles needed, release dates, and a practice swatch pattern to check gauge (for those worried about these things!) will be available from Monday 14th February.

Contact Norma for further information.

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### Men's Breakfast in Shrivenham

Saturday 19th February at 8:30am (Covid permitting!)



Meet at 8:30am in St Andrew's for a short time of prayer then put the world to rights over breakfast at the Vicarage. For catering purposes, please let Richard know by Wednesday 16th if you plan to attend.

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Men's Breakfast will run monthly on the 3rd Saturday.

### Virtual Wine Tasting A Taste of South Africa

Friday 18th February at 8pm via Zoom  
with wine expert and educator Abbie Bennington.

South Africa is home to some of the best value and highest quality wines of any region in the world. However, Covid 19 with its strict lockdowns and ban on alcohol sales has left its wine industry – and many of the people it employs – facing a crisis.

In this tasting we will take a look at the best value and quality wines of a nation that has a proud and distinguished wine making history, and make our own small contribution towards boosting their wine sales.

Tickets are £10 per household, any surplus in aid of St Mary's Church Ashbury. You'll also need to purchase two bottles of wine from Sainsburys – we can help with delivery if anyone would struggle to get there.

To book your place email [claireroutley@btinternet.com](mailto:claireroutley@btinternet.com)

### World Day of Prayer Service Friday 4th March at 2pm

Shrivenham Methodist Church and [Facebook](#)

World Day of Prayer is a women led, global, ecumenical movement which raises awareness and funds to help the women of countries around the world which are part of the Movement. This is mainly achieved by holding a special ecumenical Service in all these countries on the first Friday of March every year.

This year the service is focusing on the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and as our Methodist Minister, the Rev'd Rachael Wilson, was part of the Committee that put the service together, it was felt that the venue should be Shrivenham Methodist Church. Although we have been part of the movement for many years, it will certainly feel very different as we prepare this year, knowing that people at services around the world will be looking towards England, Wales and Northern Ireland; praying for us as they learn about how these countries have changed over the years and are now places of great diversity both in topography and population.

The theme for the service is "I know the plans I have for you" (Jeremiah chapter 29, verses 1-14).

The theme was chosen before the pandemic and we hope that knowing this will help you find reassurance and encouragement in our current situation. God's plans are not always what we expect.

If you are unable to attend (or still do not feel comfortable coming into church) the service will also be live-streamed on the Benefice [Facebook](#) page so you can join in from home. Copies of the service will be available online or I can drop one into you together with an envelope in which you might like to make a donation and return to me (or ask me to collect from you). You can also donate to the WDP Organisation [online](#).

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### Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late John Brierwood. Please keep them in your prayers.