



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 17th March 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent

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We are sharing Bishop Steven's weekly 'Come and See' videos as our sermons during Lent. Watch on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or our [website](#).

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Matins
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Morning Prayer
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas.
Matins
- 10:00am Bourton, St James & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Please join 10am service at Bourton
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Family Service with Baptism
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Choral Evensong with the Benefice Choir
- The service will include an illustrated talk by Dr Peter Foot entitled 'Seeing Jacob's Ladder'

Monday

- 7:00pm All PCCs – Section 12 Meeting
St Andrew's Church, Shrivenham

Tuesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 1:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Funeral – Darren Maskell RIP
- 7:00pm Ashbury PCC

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- 8:45am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's
- 7:45pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Compline for Lent

Friday

- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 10:00am Coffee Morning
St Andrew's Church, Shrivenham
- 3:15pm Bourton, St James.
Pinewood School Service

Palm Sunday 24th March

- 8:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Holy Communion


Please come and join our Palm Sunday Procession with donkeys through Shrivenham followed by a Benefice Service with the Methodists in St Andrew's.

- 9:45am Palm Sunday Procession with donkeys
starting at Shrivenham Methodist Church
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#).
Palm Sunday Service with Benefice Choir

Come and See – The Way of Love A course for Lent and for Life

TWO QUESTIONS

Go and do likewise



How are you called to love your neighbour?

How will you invest your talents and treasure across the whole span of your life to build God's kingdom?

Come and See this Lent.

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COME AND SEE

The more we look at Jesus' profound summary of the greatest commandments, the more the implications grow for the life of the world and for our own lives. What must we do to inherit eternal life?

'The Way of Love' takes a closer look at what Jesus called the two most important commandments: you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength, and you shall love your neighbour as yourself. oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for all who live and work in Chapel Lane in Ashbury, and Claridge Close and Miles Close in Shrivenham.

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Frances Rose Mephram. Please keep them in your prayers.

Coffee Morning in St Andrew's Church

Friday 22nd March from 10am to noon
Feel free to bring your book, your knitting or stitching, or just enjoy a chat with friends.

Ron Johnson

Thank you to everyone who contributed to make my dad Ron's Celebration of Life service on Friday 8th March so memorable. Dad loved singing, and it was a fitting tribute to him to have an organist, choir and church bells afterwards.

Valerie Sanders

Church Electoral Rolls

Church electoral rolls will be revised before the annual parish meetings. Please let your parish Electoral Roll Officer know if your contact details have changed since last year. If you would like to join the electoral roll, please contact your church's PCC Secretary or Churchwarden, or pick up an application form in church.

Annual Parish Meetings

Longcot & Fernham	Wednesday 10th April 7pm
Compton Beauchamp	Saturday 13th April 11am
Shrivenham, W & B	Wednesday 17th April 7pm
Ashbury	Wednesday 24th April 7pm

Thank you from Ashbury



Thank you to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning in Ashbury Village Hall on Saturday 9th March. We raised £311 towards conserving the stained glass windows in St Mary's Church

West Vale Mobility – Volunteers needed

West Vale Mobility is a Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Group serving (initially) Elm Tree Surgery patients living in Shrivenham, Watchfield, Longcot and Bourton.

It aims to provide affordable, disability-friendly, sustainable, local transport, and has already been awarded a grant to cover the purchase and running costs of a vehicle for five years.

Users would pay a charge per mile, so approximately £3 to get to GWH. Not only will this help villagers it will help reduce the pressure on the NHS, too.

We need volunteers to be part of the managing committee as well as, of course, drivers. Can you help us get this exciting initiative off the ground?

For more information, please contact

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Lovely daffodils ready for distribution during the Mothering Sunday service in St Mary's Church Longcot



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday 30th
March 2024
1pm – 3.30 pm

Starting at
St Thomas' Church,
Watchfield

Everyone welcome!

£1.50 entry

All proceeds to St Thomas church