



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 5th May 2024

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Rev'd Norma Fergusson is giving today's online sermon.
Watch on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or our [website](#).

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Holy Communion (BCP) by Extension
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Family Service
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Morning Prayer
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Compline and Benediction

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- 8:30am 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
- 6:00pm Benefice Wardens' Meeting
St Andrew's Vicarage
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group
12 Chapelwick Close, Shrivenham

Thursday Ascension Day

- 8:45am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 10:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 7:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion

Friday

- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 2:00pm Longcot, St Mary
Ashes Interment – Fred Lipscombe RIP
- 3:15pm Bourton, St James
Pinewood School Service

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 12th May Bell Sunday

- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Matins
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Holy Communion
- 12:30pm Longcot, St Mary
Baptism

'So Much More Than Sunday'

Saturday 11th May 2pm - 5pm
St Andrews Church Shrivenham

A 'Fresher's Fayre' type event to showcase the wide range of events and activities that happen in the Church. From Ask to Alpha; baby and toddler to bellringing; choir to coffee mornings; flowers to festivals; Messy Church to men's breakfast; and so, so much more.... Refreshments and guided history walks and talks around the church and churchyard to discover more about this interesting and historic building. For more information please contact info@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk

Benefice Vacancy

The date for the first round of applications for our new Benefice Vicar has passed and we had two applicants. The selection panel, which included your parish representatives, along with both Deanery and Diocesan members, unanimously decided that neither applicant reflected our values in relation to our Benefice Profile. Therefore, we will not be calling either applicant for interview. Although this is disappointing it is comforting that our vacancy is of interest to applicants, and we will be re-advertising in a few weeks' time. Please continue to pray that the person we are seeking to take our Benefice forward is out there and that we will be united with them.

A prayer for this time of transition

Faithful and loving God, we hold our Benefice before you in this time of transition.

Be with us in our waiting, in our expectation and in our preparation.

Be with our new incumbent as he or she also waits, expects and prepares.
Bring us together in love for you and for this Benefice, and be our light for the way ahead.
In Jesus' name, Amen

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Kingstone Winslow near Ashbury, and Cozens Grove in Shrivenham.

Café Inspire

There's no Café Inspire this month as we prepare to re-open in the new school building on Cross Trees Park.

Congratulations



Congratulations to Sarah Holmes and Michael Cramphorn who were married in St Andrew's Church Shrivenham on Saturday 27th April.

Email Scam

Norma has heard that a scam email has been sent to some church members asking them get in touch to discuss a confidential matter or to purchase gift vouchers on her behalf. Apparently, the approach was very plausible and convincing. Please know that neither Norma nor Patrick would ever do this, so if you do get one of these emails, just delete it. This has happened to other clergy in the Deanery and we are very sorry that is now happening here.

Can You Help?

The Bottle Tombola at Shrivenham Village Fete at the end of August is one of the major fund-raising events for St Andrew's Church General Fund.

Margaret Hern has organised this for many years but is stepping back now, so we're looking for a volunteer to take over. Please contact Margaret if you would like to know about what's involved.

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The Clarinet Collective Spring Concert

Saturday 18th May 2024 at 6 pm
St Mary's Church, Longcot

The church will be decorated with seasonal flower arrangements on the theme of 'An English Country Garden' which will remain in church till Friday 25th.

Free admission with retiring collection. Booking required in advance by email to victorialmedcalf@gmail.com

In aid of St Mary's Church and Longcot Village Trust.

Car Boot Items Wanted!

We are looking to raise funds towards our running costs at St Swithun's Church, Compton Beauchamp.

Suitable items would be bric-a-brac, crockery, DVDs, books, toys, clothing in good condition etc.

All unsold items will be given to other charities. If you have any items that you are willing to donate, please contact [Louise Slater](#) or [Joanna Lambert](#).

Messy Church on Thursday 2nd May in St Andrew's Church Shrivenham

The theme was friendship. We made friendship bracelets from loom bands, friendship stones, woven hearts and a handprint collage to show that we are all friends. We also made friendship flowers, writing words to describe good friends on each of the petals. We folded the petals in and then floated them on water and watched friendship blooming. We presented Norma & Richard with a friendship stone (decorated by one of the mums) and a couple of small gifts to remind them of Messy Church. Messy Church is open to the whole Benefice. The next session is on 6th June.

