



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'



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16th February 2025 Third Sunday before Lent

Sunday 16th February

9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Matins
9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Holy Communion (BCP)
9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion
10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
11:00am Bourton, St James
Holy Communion
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Morning Prayer

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
6:00pm Longcot with Fernham PCC
7:00pm Wednesday Study Group
St Andrew's Vicarage, Shrivenham

Thursday

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

Friday

5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Worship and Praise
6:30pm Compton Beauchamp PCC

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in The Malthouses in Ashbury, and Chapelwick Close and Cowleaze Close in Shrivenham.

Associate Vicar Vacancy

Unfortunately, no applications were received, so we will readvertise in due course. Please continue to pray for a successful conclusion to the appointment process.

As we wait, so we pray

Heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for your love for all people, and for all you give us. During our vacancy, we pray particularly for the person we believe in faith that you have chosen to be our next Associate Vicar. May that person respond gladly to your call, and work with us to grow your Kingdom in this Benefice. While we wait, send us your Holy Spirit: help us to be patient, build us up in faith and love, and equip us to serve you well with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. These things we ask in the name of Jesus.

Sunday 23rd February

10:30am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Benefice Holy Communion with choir

Annual Parish Meetings

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| Ashbury | Wednesday 2nd April 7pm |
| Longcot & Fernham | Wednesday 9th April 6pm |
| Shrivenham, W & B | Wednesday 16th April 7pm |
| Compton Beauchamp | Saturday 17th May 10:30am |

Church Electoral Rolls

Every sixth year, instead of a revision, new electoral rolls must be prepared before the Annual Parish Meetings.

This means that everyone must re-apply to be included on the electoral roll of their church. Application forms will be sent to those on the existing rolls.

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.

For an electronic copy, please contact the Benefice Administrator, stating which church you wish to join.

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Welcome



Welcome to Matilda Meyer who was baptised at St Andrew's Shrivenham on Sunday 9th February.

Pastoral Support

If you, or someone you know, would like a home visit (to receive Holy Communion for example), need to talk or ask for specific prayers, please do get in touch with Rev'd Patrick Mabhunu or Lucy Laird.

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Come and See



The theme for this year's Diocesan Lent course is Earth, Water, Wind and Fire - Understanding Baptism.

Through daily emails and a short Sunday video, we explore what it means to be human and what it means to be baptised as a Christian. The two questions belong very closely together. Who are we? What do we think we are made of? What are we made for?

It's free of charge, and all are welcome, whether you are new to exploring faith or have been coming to church for years. To find out more and sign up, visit

[Come and See](#)

Confirmation

If you think you might be interested in being confirmed and would like to find out more, please talk to Patrick and we will arrange classes. All ages are welcome.

Cook Islands *I made you wonderful*



World Day of Prayer

Ashbury, St Mary
Friday 7th March at 2pm

Our sisters in The Cook Islands welcome us and lead us for the Day of Prayer 2025. This group of 15 islands in the South Pacific Ocean has a rich and colourful Māori heritage and a deep connection to nature. Join with us as we pray together and reflect on the theme 'I made you wonderful'.

Messy Church

The theme on 13th February was God keeps his promises as demonstrated by the story of Noah. We painted olive trees, and made rain makers, a rainbow collage, rainbow clouds and doves.

