



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'



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9th March 2025 First Sunday of Lent

Sunday 9th March

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

Monday

8:00pm St Andrew's Bell Ringers' AGM

Tuesday

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
7:00pm Shrivenham, Watchfield & Bourton PCC

Wednesday

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

Thursday

8:45am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
3:15pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Messy Church
6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's
7:45pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Compline for Lent

Saturday

8:30am Men's Breakfast
The Barrington Arms, Shrivenham
10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Baptism

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in
Ashbury Hill in Ashbury, and Chestnut Gardens and
Recreation Ground in Shrivenham.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 15th March at 8:30am
The Barrington Arms, Shrivenham

If you plan to attend, please let David Ahern
know by Wednesday 12th

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Sunday 16th March

9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Matins
9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion
10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Morning Prayer
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Taizé Service
11:00am Bourton, St James & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
2:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas
Baptism

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.

Anyone who lives in one of our parishes or who
regularly attends worship in one of our churches is
welcome to join the electoral roll. This means that you
can attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, vote
on Church matters, and stand for election to the PCC.

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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Annual Parish Meetings

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

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.

Associate Vicar Vacancy

The post will be readvertised during April. 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.

Coffee and Cake

St James' congregation enjoying coffee and cake in the sunshine at the Bourton Coffee Club after the service on Saturday. They have raised £100 for church funds.

