



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'



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30th March 2025 Mothering Sunday

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

Tuesday 1st April

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

Wednesday

9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group
Back room, Shrivenham Methodist Church
9:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
11:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
ASK Holy Communion
7:00pm Wednesday Study Group
St Andrew's Vicarage, Shrivenham
7:00pm Ashbury APCM in St Mary's

Thursday

9:00am Ashbury, St Mary
School Easter Service
9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
11:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew
ASK Prayer Tree
1:15pm Longcot, St Mary
School Easter Services
6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's
7:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Compline for Lent

Saturday

10:00am Bourton, St James
Family Service

Sunday 6th April

7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)
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
Family Service
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Compline and Benediction

Mothering Sunday Service

Sunday 30th March 2025
10.30am
St Andrew's Church,
Shrivenham

We would love children to be involved with this service - if you would like your child to read a poem or prayer, please contact Becky or Rosy on standfast.shrivenham@yahoo.com



Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Chapel Lane in Ashbury, and Claypits Lane in Shrivenham.

ASK Holy Communion Service

The service lasts about 40 minutes and is followed by refreshments. If you would like to come along but struggle to get to church, please contact Pip Dudley and she will arrange for someone to collect you.

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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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World Day of Prayer



This year's service was held in St Mary's Church, Ashbury on Friday 7th March. It had been put together by women from The Cook Islands, a group of 15 islands in the South Pacific Ocean with a rich and colourful Māori heritage and a deep connection to nature.



Saturday 19th April at 1pm
Sarting at St Thomas' Church Watchfield
£1.50 entry
All proceeds to St Thomas' Church

Welcome



Welcome to Louis Robert Andrew McCormack who was baptised on Saturday 15th March at St Andrew's Shrivenham, and Ren Bailey Whitbread and Jean-Pierre Platt who were baptised on Sunday 16th March at St Thomas' Watchfield.

St Andrew's Bellringers' AGM



The Shrivenham ringers' AGM was held during their regular tower practice on Monday 10th March. Rev'd Patrick Mabhunu was invited to chair the meeting. He was barely though the door when he was handed a rope and, with the expert help of Tony Crabtree, joined the band for a short ring on the bells.

Reports on the past year's activities were presented by the Tower Captain, Steeple Keeper and Treasurer. The Tower accounts were approved and it was noted that various activities had raised £179.50 for the Church Restoration Fund and a further £416.45 had been transferred to the Church General Fund.

Patrick was presented with a framed certificate commemorating the Quarter Peal rung to celebrate his Induction as Vicar. He thanked the ringers for all they do to support the mission of the church.

Bells in the Benefice

All of the Benefice churches have bells. There are turret bells at Bourton (2), Fernham (1) and Watchfield (1), and a chiming bell at Compton Beauchamp.

The bells at Ashbury (6), Longcot (8) and Shrivenham (10) are hung for full-circle change ringing and have active bands of ringers. New recruits and returning ringers of all ages are always welcome, and we have experienced teachers to help you progress.

For more information, please contact Tony Crabtree.

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