



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'



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27th April 2025 Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday 27th April

10:30am Fernham, St John & [Facebook](#)
Benefice Holy Communion with the Choir

No midweek online services until Tuesday 6th May

Wednesday

9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group
Back room, Shrivenham Methodist Church

Thursday 1st May

8:45am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

Saturday

10:00am Bourton, St James
Family Service

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work
in High Street in Ashbury, and Constantine Close and
Hadrian Close in Shrivenham.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, let me
take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed
to our Easter services. I was so impressed by the
attendance at all of our services, which were filled by
the Holy Spirit. May we enjoy the benefits of His
resurrection. I wish you God's blessings.

Patrick

**Rev'd Patrick Mabhunu is off duty from
Monday 21st April to Wednesday 7th May inclusive.**

For pastoral emergencies please call
01793 783519 or 07958 378 822

Polling Station in St Mary's Church Longcot Thursday 1st May

The Community Hub will be used as a polling station for
the local County Council elections on Thursday 1st May.
Although entry to the 'Hub' and the area around the font
is restricted to those who are voting, the Vale of White
Horse District Council have agreed that access to the
Chancel and choirstalls will still be possible for those
who want a moment of reflection or to pray.

Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late
Rev'd Derek Burden (former Vicar of Ashbury).
Please keep them in your prayers.

Sunday 4th May

7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)
9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion (BCP)
9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion
10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Family Service
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Holy Communion

Mini Exhibition in Longcot Church



Do call in at Longcot Church if you're passing and take
a look at the informative historical display entitled
'Longcot Church and Churchyard - Continuity and
Change' that has been put together by Jan Evins.

Wednesday Study Groups

Both groups restart on 7th May and will be
looking at Mark's Gospel.

The Zoom group meets at 10:30am, and the group that
usually meets at St Andrew's Vicarage starts at 7pm.
Note that on 7th May the evening group will meet at
12 Chapelwick Close, Shrivenham.

If you would like to join either group, please contact
please contact David Ahern for more information.

07983 630 655 davidmahern@gmail.com

Compton Beauchamp Annual Parish Meeting

Saturday 17th May at 10:30am in St Swithun's Church.

Associate Vicar Vacancy

The closing date for applications is 27th 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.

The Clarinet Collective Spring Concert

Saturday 10th May at 6 pm
St Mary's Church, Longcot

The programme includes uplifting music from the 18th century to the present day. The second half of the concert will feature popular wartime classics to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

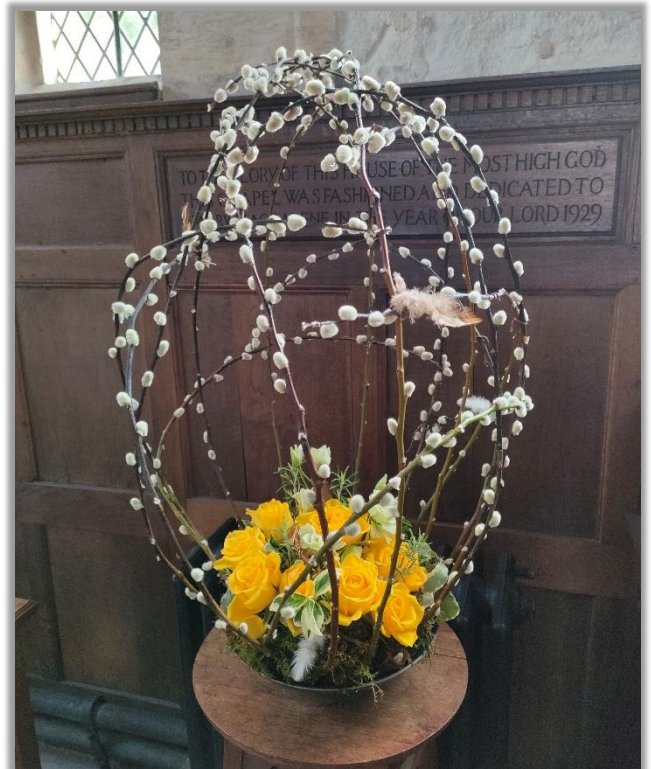
Free admission with retiring collection. Booking required in advance by email to victorialmedcalf@gmail.com

The church will be decorated with themed flower arrangements which will remain in place until the end of South Oxfordshire Artweek on 17th May.

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



Easter Bonnet
Postbox topper at Ashbury crossroads



Easter Flowers in St Andrew's Church Shrivenham



Easter Garden in St Mary's Church Ashbury