



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'



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## 18th May 2025 Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Sunday 18th May

9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Matins  
9:30am Longcot, St Mary & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion  
10:30am Shrivenham Methodist Church  
Joint Christian Aid Service  
followed by a bring and share lunch  
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Third Sunday Service  
11:00am Bourton, St James  
Holy Communion  
2:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Baptism  
6:00pm Uffington, St Mary & [Facebook](#)  
Deanery Choral Evensong  
with the Benefice Choir. All welcome

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

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](#)  
6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

### Friday

10:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Holy Communion  
More details below.

### **Community Cycle of Prayer**

Please pray this week for all who live and work in  
Kingstone Winslow, and Curtis Road in Shrivenham.

### Sunday 25th May

10:30am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun  
Benefice Holy Communion with Choir  
and Baptism  
1:00pm Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun  
Baptism  
2:00pm Longcot, St Mary  
Baptism

### **Vale of the White Horse Deanery Choral Evensong**

St. Mary's Church, Uffington  
Sunday 18th May at 6pm.



The Benefice Choir will be joining other local singers for  
a Deanery Evensong. All are welcome to come along  
and enjoy the service, or watch on our [Facebook](#) page.

### **Cream Teas**

**Saturday 7th June from 2 – 4pm**  
**St Andrew's Church Shrivenham**

Come and enjoy a cream tea from 2 – 4pm on  
Saturday 7th June in St Andrew's Church, Shrivenham.  
There will also be a raffle. In aid of church funds.

### **Benefice Vacancy Interview Day** **Friday 23rd May**

We will be interviewing one candidate.  
The day will begin with a service of Holy Communion  
in St Mary's Church Ashbury at 10:00am.  
Bishop Gavin will celebrate. Everyone is welcome!  
Please park in the village as the car park will be used  
by the clergy and those unable to walk up the hill.  
The interview will be held in St Mary's Church Longcot.  
The church will be closed from 11am until approximately  
1:30pm while the interview takes place.  
Please keep the candidate and the members  
of the selection panel in your prayers.

### **Calling all gardeners and willing helpers!** **Saturday 14th June from 10am to noon**

St Swithun's Church, Compton Beauchamp  
has a beautiful churchyard which is in need of  
a bit of tender loving care!

We would greatly appreciate some help to tidy up the  
churchyard. In particular there is a need for a fair bit of  
pruning/cutting back of small trees and shrubs.  
If this isn't your thing, then how about a bit of weeding  
or clearing moss/ivy off the gravestones?

As well as appropriate garden tools (secateurs, loppers,  
hard brush, trowel etc) it would also be helpful if, those  
who can, could bring a wheelbarrow or strimmer.

We hope that this will attract help not only from our  
parish but hopefully others in the Benefice.

Refreshments will be available.

**Revive**  
**St Andrew's Church Shrivenham**  
**Sunday 15th June from 4pm**

All are welcome to join us at 4pm for coffee, tea and cakes before an informal service with a live band and contemporary worship music at 4:15pm.

**Shrivenham Open Gardens**

**Sunday 6th July from 2pm until 5pm**

We're looking for gardens for this annual fundraising event. Your garden does not have to be in pristine condition! Please contact Julian Stevens on 01793 782065 if you would like your garden to be included.

**St James' Bourton Spring Clean Day**

A big thank you to the team who came along to help in the church and the churchyard on Sunday 4th May.



**Longcot Church Flower Festival**

The flower festival is open daily from 10-4 until Sunday 18th. The new lighting this year has made a big difference to the church and we have music playing to create a peaceful, welcoming atmosphere. The flowers pick up on the theme of Jan Evin's display on the history of St Mary's Longcot which she has called Continuity and Change. One of the flower designs is a tribute to Stella Tidmarsh, and the chancel celebrates 25 years of the Churchyard Wildlife Garden this year.





