



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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5th April 2026 Easter Sunday

Easter Eve Saturday 4th April

8:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Easter Vigil with the Benefice Choir

The Easter Eve service is one of the most beautiful services of the Christian year, filled with imagery, symbolism and deep meaning as the new Easter Light is brought into the church.

Easter Sunday 5th April

7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)
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 Ashbury, St Mary
Holy Communion

No midweek online services until Tuesday 14th April

Tuesday

11:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Funeral – Helen Maley RIP

Wednesday

12 noon Ashbury, St Mary
Funeral – Anne Bunce RIP

Saturday

10:00am Shrivenham Sports Pavilion
Café Inspire

Sunday 12th April

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

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Berrycroft Lane in Ashbury, and Cleycourt Road in Shrivenham.

St Andrew's Church Shrivenham will be closed during the school holidays due to vandalism by a group of local teenagers. Open for services as usual.

Easter Greetings from Revds Patrick and Janet

It is our great joy to be celebrating Easter with you all after our remembrance of Holy Week.



A huge thank you to all who have made this week so special. From those who organised the donkey and our Benefice Palm Sunday united service to all those who have prayed and reflected, cleaned and decorated, built Easter Gardens and welcomed those who needed a space to reflect.

Jesus was resurrected to bring peace and reconciliation into a world of turmoil and conflict and we pray for the peace of Jesus to come into our world and our homes.

Every Blessing,
Patrick and Janet.

Palm Sunday Procession

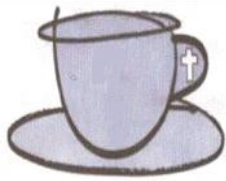


Thank you to Lydia Otter and all at Pennyhooks Farm for bringing Tinkerbell to lead our Palm Sunday procession through Shrivenham last Sunday.



Photos: Sylvia Berry-Benton

The Benefice office will be closed
from Saturday 4th April to Saturday 11th April inclusive.
Emails will be checked regularly.



Café Inspire
Saturday 11th April
Shrivenham Sports Pavilion

Drop in for tea, coffee and squash,
bacon rolls, homemade cakes and
chat between 10am and 11:30am.

Toys, games and crafts to entertain younger visitors.
All ages welcome.

Songs of Praise at St John's Church Fernham

Sunday 19th April at 4pm

We are excited to be having a Songs of Praise service,
which will be followed by tea and cake.

We need 8 people to choose their favourite hymn
or song and to either say during the service why they
have chosen it, or write a brief note about why it is
their favourite for us to read out.

If you have a favourite hymn you would like us to sing,
please do get in touch with Revd Janet: 07821 474 711
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Rock Solid Youth Club

The Youth Club is taking a break during the school
Easter holidays, restarting on Monday 13th April.

Songs & Stories and Baby & Toddler Group

The groups that meet on Wednesday and Thursday
mornings are taking a break until after the school
Easter holidays and will restart w/c 13th April.

Bible Study Groups - Easter Break

All three groups will restart w/c 13th April.

**For the
curious**

Try Alpha.

Meet new people and explore the Christian faith
together. Alpha is for anyone who's curious.
No judgement, no pressure. Each session unpacks
a big question of life, faith, and purpose, and is
designed to spark a conversation.
Come along, see what you think.

Tuesdays 1900-2130
14th April - 16th June
Shrivenham Methodist Church

For more info contact:
Jane 07947036843 or
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Messy Church on Good Friday

We planted the Easter Garden,
made Easter chicks and collages,
and enjoyed Easter eggs and
hot cross buns.



Church Electoral Rolls

Church electoral rolls will be revised before the annual
parish meetings. If your contact details have changed,
please let your parish Electoral Roll Officer know.

Anyone who regularly attends worship in one of our
churches or who lives in one of our parishes 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.
info@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Ashbury	Thursday 16th April 7pm
Longcot & Fernham	Wednesday 22nd April 7pm
Compton Beauchamp	Saturday 9th May 10:30am
Shrivenham, W & B	Wednesday 20th May 7pm

