



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 8th May 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Please do not come into church if you think you may have symptoms of Covid 19.

Wearing a face covering indoors is no longer mandatory but we would encourage you to exercise discretion, especially in larger services or smaller churches.

Please respect the concerns of others in the congregation. Hand sanitizer is available.

Holy Communion will be offered in one kind only.

Sunday 8th May

Richard Fergusson is giving today's sermon. Watch on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or our [website](#) from 9am.

- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Matins (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Holy Communion
- 2:30pm Longcot, St Mary
Baptism
- 3:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas
Benefice Sunday School

Tuesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 6:00pm Longcot & Fernham APCM

Wednesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group
Shrivenham Methodist Church
- 10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
- 6:00pm Compton Beauchamp APCM
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group
St Andrew's Vicarage

Thursday

- 9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)
- 10:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

Friday

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

Saturday

- 9:00am Children's Clothing Giveaway
St Andrew's Church Shrivenham
- 10:00am Café Inspire in Shrivenham School Hall

Sunday 15th May

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Matins (BCP)
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Matins (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Morning Prayer
- 10:00am Bourton, St James & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 10:30am Shrivenham Methodist Church
United Christian Aid Service
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Morning Worship (Iona)

Benefice Sunday School Sunday 8th May

St Thomas' Church Watchfield
followed by refreshments
in the Village Hall

Drop your child off at 3pm,
then come along at 4pm for a short
family service with a cuppa and cake.

Parents who wish to stay for the whole time
are welcome to do so.

Open to all children aged 4 – 11 in the Benefice.



Wednesday Study Groups

The morning and evening groups will be looking at the lives of the main characters in the book of Ruth – Boaz, Ruth and Naomi – and how God moved in their lives and similarities of how he moves in ours today.

There will be six weekly sessions.

Please contact Norma if you would like to join in or need more information. 01793 784338

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Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for all who live and work in Station Road in Ashbury, and Fairthorne Way in Shrivenham.

Annual Parish Meetings

- Longcot & Fernham** Tuesday 10th May 6pm
Compton Beauchamp Wednesday 11th May 6pm
Ashbury Tuesday 24th May 7pm
All welcome

Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Alexander Zubko. Please keep them in your prayers.



Jubilee Concert with the Clarinet Collective Saturday 21st May

St Mary's Church Longcot at 6:30 pm
'Rose, Leek, Thistle and Shamrock'

The programme will include music from all four parts of the UK, in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

There will also be works by English composers through the ages, from Byrd and Purcell to Vaughan Williams and Elgar, and some 20th century pieces inspired by Celtic and English folk music.



At the other end of the musical spectrum are some lighter numbers, including Jack Strachey's ever popular piece 'In Party Mood', which was theme tune for BBC radio's Housewives

Choice in the year of the coronation of Elizabeth II.

Admission is free with a retiring collection, but places will need to be reserved in advance by email to victorialmedcalf@gmail.com. Profits will go to the Longcot Village Trust fund in order to support future community projects in the Village.



Prayer Space in St Andrew's last week

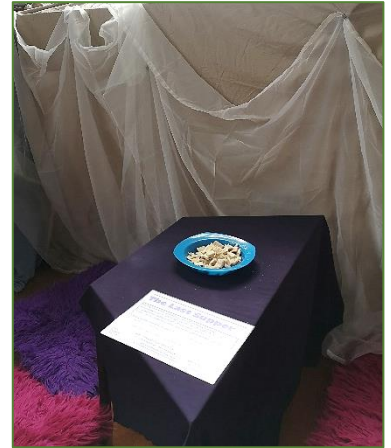
All the pupils from Shrivenham Primary School took part in Prayer Space in St Andrew's Church last week.

Every class from reception to year 6 enjoyed an hour exploring ideas such as gratitude, forgiveness, hopes & dreams, and peace. Divided into small groups, they all had a chance to try each of the six thought-provoking activities based on the themes and events of Easter.



Palm Sunday

Thank you prayers on palm leaves.

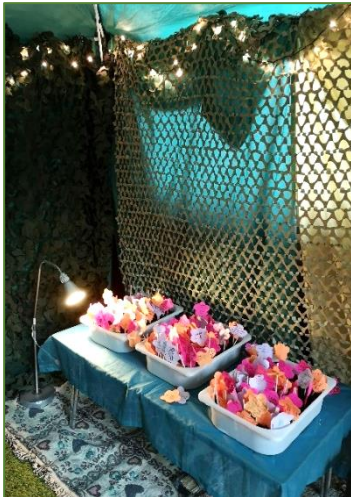


The Last Supper

Thinking about friends and special people

The Garden of Gethsemane

Thinking about worries and things you need help with



The Cross

Forgiving and being forgiven



The Empty Tomb

Hopes and Dreams



Easter Sunday

Peace

"Be still and know that I am God."
Psalm 46 v10

