



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## Sunday 31st March 2024 Easter Sunday

### Easter Eve Saturday 30th March

7:30pm 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 31st March

Rev'd Shannon Preston is giving today's online sermon.  
Watch on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or our [website](#).

9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Holy Communion (BCP)  
9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Holy Communion  
10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion  
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Holy Communion  
11:00am Fernham, St John  
Holy Communion

**No midweek morning services until  
Tuesday 9th April**

### Wednesday

2:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & Facebook  
ASK Holy Communion

### Saturday 6th April

10:00am Bourton, St James  
Family Service

### **Community Cycle of Prayer**

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

**Rev'd Norma Fergusson and Rev'd Patrick Mabhunu  
will be off duty from Monday 1st April to  
Saturday 6th April inclusive.**

For pastoral emergencies please call 07799 545035

### **The Benefice office will be closed**

from Sunday 1st to Saturday 6th April inclusive.  
Emails will be checked regularly.

### **Songs & Stories and Baby & Toddler Group**

The groups that meet on Wednesday and Thursday mornings are not open during the school Easter holidays.

### Sunday 7th April

7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion (BCP)  
9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun  
Holy Communion (BCP)  
9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Holy Communion (BCP)  
9:30am Longcot, St Mary & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion  
10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Family Service  
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Morning Prayer  
5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Compline and Benediction



**EASTER EGG HUNT**

**Saturday 30th  
March 2024  
1pm - 3.30 pm**

**Starting at  
St Thomas'  
Church,  
Watchfield**

**£1.50  
entry**

**Everyone welcome!**

All proceeds to St Thomas church

### **Welcome**

Welcome to Matilda Artemis Fenna  
who was baptised at St Mary's Church, Ashbury  
on Sunday 17th March

### Church Electoral Rolls

Church electoral rolls will be revised before the annual parish meetings. Please let your parish Electoral Roll Officer know if your contact details have changed since last year. If you would like to join the electoral roll, please contact your church's PCC Secretary or Churchwarden, or pick up an application form in church.

### Ashbury Churchyard 'Spring Clean'

Saturday 13th April from 10am to Noon

We would greatly appreciate as many helpers as we can to carry out our annual Churchyard 'Spring Clean'.

Usually we attract about 24 people such that as well getting the Churchyards ready for summer it is also a very social occasion. Hot refreshments will be available.

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

Newcomers to the village are especially welcome where you can get to know other locals

### A Variety Concert in Celebration of St George's Day

St Andrew's Church Shrevenham

Saturday 20th April

7:30pm

Tickets £10 (Under 16s £5) on sale soon

Bar and Raffle

In aid of St Andrew's Restoration Project

### Annual Parish Meetings

<b>Longcot &amp; Fernham</b>	Wednesday 10th April 7pm
<b>Compton Beauchamp</b>	Saturday 13th April 11am
<b>Shrevenham, W &amp; B</b>	Wednesday 17th April 7pm
<b>Ashbury</b>	Wednesday 24th April 7pm

### Car Boot Items Wanted! Can You Help?

We are looking to raise funds towards our running costs at St Swithun's Church, Compton Beauchamp.

Suitable items would be bric-a-brac, crockery, DVDs, books, toys, clothing in good condition etc.

Please note all items are freely given on the understanding that all unsold items will be given to other charities as we do not have the facilities to store.

If you have any items that you are willing to donate, please contact [Louise Slater](#) or [Joanna Lambert](#).

Thank you

### A prayer for this time of transition

Faithful and loving God, we hold our Benefice before you in this time of transition.

Be with us in our waiting, in our expectation and in our preparation.

Be with our new incumbent as he or she also waits, expects and prepares.

Bring us together in love for you and for this Benefice, and be our light for the way ahead.

In Jesus' name, Amen

### Longcot Churchyard

