



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 7th April 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

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

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- 9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Morning Prayer
- 7:00pm Longcot with Fernham APCM
St Mary's, Longcot

Thursday

- 9:00am Matins. Live on Facebook
- 10:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion

Friday

- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 11:30am Longcot Churchyard
Ashes Interment – Frank Parkinson RIP

Saturday 13th April

- 11:00am Compton Beauchamp APCM
St Swithun's, Compton Beauchamp

Sunday 14th April

- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Matins
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
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Wednesday Study Groups

Both groups restart on 17th April and will be looking at St John's gospel. If you would like to join either group, please contact Rev'd Fergusson for more information.

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

Our New Incumbent

The advert for our new Incumbent has been published in the Church Times and on the Diocese website.

If you would like to look at our Benefice Profile it can be found on the home page of the Benefice [website](#).

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

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Ashdown Estate near Ashbury, and Colton Road in Shrivenham.

Café Inspire

There's no Café Inspire this month as we prepare to re-open in the new school building on Cross Trees Park. Please watch this space for further details.

Songs & Stories and Baby & Toddler Group

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

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.

Annual Parish Meetings

Longcot & Fernham	Wednesday 10th April 7pm
Compton Beauchamp	Saturday 13th April 11am
Shrivenham, W & B	Wednesday 17th April 7pm
Ashbury	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 Variety Concert in Celebration of St George's Day

St Andrew's Church Shrivenham
Saturday 20th April
7:30pm

Tickets £10 (Under 16s £5)

On sale at Shrivenham Post Office

restoration-project.eventbrite.com and on the door

Bar and Raffle

In aid of St Andrew's Restoration Project

Easter



Easter Cross
St Mary's Church Ashbury



Palm Sunday Procession
Shrivenham



Blessing the donkeys
in St Andrew's Churchyard



Easter Garden
St Mary's Church Ashbury



The Font
St Thomas' Church Watchfield



Ready for the Easter Egg Hunt
St Thomas' Church Watchfield

More Easter photos on next week's Newsletter