



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## Sunday 21st April 2024

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Sunday 21st April

Rev'd Norma 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  
Matins
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Matins
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Morning Prayer
- 10:00am Bourton, St James & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Morning Worship

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

- 9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Morning Prayer
- 9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group  
Back Room, Shrivenham Methodist Church
- 10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group  
St Andrew's Vicarage
- 7:00pm Ashbury APCM  
St Mary's Church, Ashbury

### Thursday

- 8:45am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 9:00am Matins. Live on Facebook
- 6:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
ASK Evening Prayer
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

### Friday

- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 10:00am Coffee Morning in St Andrew's
- 2:30pm Tea-time Fellowship in St Mary's Longcot
- 3:15pm Bourton, St James  
Pinewood School Service

### Saturday 27th April

- 1:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Wedding

### Sunday 27th April

10:30am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)  
Benefice Holy Communion with Choir

### 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

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

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

Songs, SADS sketches, handbells, choir, Nota Bene (recorder ensemble) and more.

Tickets £10 (Under 16s £5)

On sale at Shrivenham Post Office

[restoration-project.eventbrite.com](https://restoration-project.eventbrite.com) and on the door

Bar and Raffle

In aid of St Andrew's Restoration Project

### Can You Help?

The Bottle Tombola at Shrivenham Village Fete at the end of August is one of the major fund-raising events for St Andrew's Church General Fund.

Margaret Hern has organised this for many years but is stepping back now, so we're looking for a volunteer to take over. Please contact Margaret if you would like to know about what's involved.  
01793 782100



### Annual Parish Meeting

Ashbury Wednesday 24th April 7pm

### Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Idstone Road in Ashbury, and Constantine Close and Hadrian Close in Shrivenham.

### Coffee Morning in St Andrew's Church

Friday 26th April from 10am to noon

Feel free to bring your book, your knitting or stitching, or just enjoy a chat with friends.

### Tea-time Fellowship in St Mary's Church, Longcot

Friday 26th April at 2:30pm

Everyone is welcome to join us as we enjoy a chat over afternoon tea. There is no charge but contributions to our chosen charity are always welcome.

### 'So Much More Than Sunday'

Saturday 11th May

2pm - 5pm

St Andrews Church Shrivenham

A 'Fresher's Fayre' type event to showcase the wide range of events and activities that happen in the Church. From Ask to Alpha; baby and toddler to bellringing; choir to coffee mornings; flowers to festivals; Messy Church to men's breakfast; and so, so much more....

Refreshments and guided history walks and talks around the church and churchyard to discover more about this interesting and historic building. For more information please contact [info@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk](mailto:info@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk)

### 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](mailto:Louise.Slater@stswithuns.org) or [Joanna Lambert](mailto:Joanna.Lambert@stswithuns.org).

Thank you!

### Ashbury Churchyard 'Spring Clean'

Thank you all so much for yet another fantastic spring clean of the old and new Churchyards and the Church car park. A new record number of 35 people helped us in this annual community project which has shown such rewards over the years. This year it was very much a consolidation of the work that had been achieved in previous years as well as the clearance of so many tree branches which had fallen over the winter.

