



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Third Sunday of Advent 15th December 2024

Sunday 15th December

9:30am Longcot, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Morning Prayer
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Third Sunday Service
3:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas
Carol Service
5:45pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Christingle
followed by Carols around Shrivenham Tree
6:00pm Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Carol Service

Tuesday

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
11:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Funeral – Roger Sheppard RIP
6:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Longcot School Carol Service

Wednesday

12 noon Longcot Churchyard
Interment of Ashes – Leo Witchell RIP
2:00pm Shrivenham, Methodist Church
Village Carols

Thursday

9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
9:00am Ashbury, St Mary
School Carol Service
3:15pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Messy Church
5:00pm Fernham, Elmside Green
Village Carols
6:00pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

Friday

11:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Funeral – Jane 'Mag' Colebrook RIP
6:00pm Ashbury Village Crossroads
Stations of the Nativity

Saturday

8:30am Men's Breakfast
The Barrington Arms, Shrivenham
2:00pm Nativity Service at Farmer Gow's
5:00pm Ashbury, St Mary
Carol Service

Community Cycle of Prayer

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

Sunday 22nd December

9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Matins
9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Holy Communion
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
4:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Carol Service
6:30pm Longcot, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Carol Service

Christmas Eve

3:30pm Bourton, St James
Village Carols
4:00pm Ashbury, St Mary
Crib Service
4:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Crib Service
5:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas
Holy Communion (BCP)
followed by Carols around Watchfield Tree
11:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Midnight Mass
11:30pm Longcot, St Mary
Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
Please note the earlier start time.
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Family Service followed by Communion

Sunday 29th December

10:30am Fernham, St John & [Facebook](#)
Benefice Holy Communion
for the Feast of St John



Ready for Christingle at Longcot Church last Sunday

Songs & Stories and Baby & Toddler Group

Songs & Stories restarts on 8th January.
Baby & Toddlers restarts on 16th January.



Shrivenham Primary School
Christmas Card Competition
KS1 Winner: Harry



Lighting the Advent Wreath at Christingle in Longcot Church

Thank You



The wonderful fundraising concert in St Andrew's given by the Military Wives Choir and the Shrivenham Ladies Choir raised just under £2000!

The three charities, Pennyhooks Farm Trust, Little Troopers and St Andrew's Restoration Fund will each receive £660.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to making it such a success.

Wednesday Study Groups

Both groups will restart on Wednesday 15th January.

Pastoral Support

If you, or someone you know, would like a home visit (to receive Holy Communion for example), need to talk or ask for specific prayers, please do get in touch with Rev'd Patrick Mabhunu or Lucy Laird. Their contact details are at the top of the page.

Nativity Service at Farmer Gow's Saturday 21st December at 2pm



Dress warmly and enjoy a Nativity Service with a difference as, together with Shrivenham Methodist Church, we investigate the Impossible Promise of that first Christmas day.

Surrounded by the sights and sounds of the Meet the Animals barn, dressing up is encouraged, and not only by the children!

Doors open at 1.30 pm, the service will start at 2pm and will be followed by hot drinks and mince pies.

Free but if you wish to make a donation, they will go to The Oxford Friends of Hope & Faith Christian Community School, Ng'ombe, Zambia.

Farmer Gow's, Fernham Road, Longcot, SN7 7PR