



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'



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Fourth Sunday of Advent 22nd December 2024

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
Stations of the Nativity

No midweek services until Tuesday 7th January

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in
High Street in Ashbury, and Townsend Road
in Shrivenham.

Sunday 29th December

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

No midweek services until Tuesday 7th January

Sunday 5th January 2025

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

**Rev'd Patrick Mabhunu is off duty
from Thursday 26th December until Saturday 28th
December, and Monday 30th December until
Saturday 4th January inclusive.**

For pastoral emergencies please call 07471 434276

**The Benefice office will be closed from
Tuesday 24th December until Sunday 5th January.**

Emails will be checked regularly.

Christmas Message

Last year was our first Christmas in the Benefice, and living in Ashbury then, we knew the streets to be dark with no lighting. We were surprised how things changed with Christmas approaching. Houses were now decorated with colourful and illuminating lights that brought light to the streets. This showed that something new was happening. Indeed, that new thing is happening again! The birth of our Lord Jesus Christ that brings light into our lives. As we celebrate Christmas this year, may our homes be filled with love, our hearts with joy, and our lives with warmth and fellowship.
Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to all of you.

Patrick



Shrivenham CE Primary School
Christmas Card Competition
KS2 Winner: Tazmin

Welcome

Welcome to Winifred Olga Jane Kew who was baptised in St Andrew's Church Shrivenham on Saturday 14th December.

Songs & Stories and Baby & Toddler Group

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

Wednesday Study Groups

Both groups will restart on Wednesday 15th January.

Thank You

The Compton Beauchamp Carol Service collection raised £200 for the Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal which will go to Booth House in Swindon. They will be thrilled to have such a large, generous donation.

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.

Shrivenham Christingle Service

As usual, the Christingles were made at Café Inspire the day before the service in St Andrew's.



Messy Church

Our theme (surprise surprise!!) was Christmas. We coloured in baubles, made table decorations from evergreens, made handprint angels, iced gingerbread biscuits and made star decorations from lollipop sticks and wool.

