



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'



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## Sunday 2nd February 2025 Candlemas

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7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion (BCP)  
9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Matins  
9:30am Longcot, St Mary & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion  
10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Family Service  
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Morning Prayer  
5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Choral Evensong for Candlemas  
with the Benefice Choir

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group  
Back room, Shrivenham Methodist Church  
10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom  
11:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
ASK Holy Communion  
7:00pm Wednesday Study Group  
St Andrew's Vicarage, Shrivenham

### Thursday

8:45am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's  
9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)  
6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

### Saturday 1st February

10:00am Café Inspire (15th birthday celebration)  
Shrivenham Sports Pavilion

#### Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work  
in Pound Piece in Ashbury,  
and Buckland Drive in Shrivenham.

#### Associate Vicar Vacancy

The closing date for applications is 2nd February. Any  
suitable candidates will be interviewed on 21st February.

#### As we wait, so we pray

Heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for your  
love for all people, and for all you give us.  
During our vacancy, we pray particularly for the person  
we believe in faith that you have chosen to be our next  
Associate Vicar. May that person respond gladly to your  
call, and work with us to grow your Kingdom in this  
Benefice. While we wait, send us your Holy Spirit: help  
us to be patient, build us up in faith and love, and equip  
us to serve you well with all our heart, soul, mind and  
strength. These things we ask in the name of Jesus.  
Amen

### Sunday 9th February

9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun  
Holy Communion (BCP)  
9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion (BCP)  
9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Morning Prayer  
10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion with Baptism  
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Holy Communion

#### Annual Parish Meetings

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Ashbury</b>               | Wednesday 2nd April 7pm   |
| <b>Longcot &amp; Fernham</b> | Wednesday 9th April 6pm   |
| <b>Shrivenham, W &amp; B</b> | Wednesday 16th April 7pm  |
| <b>Compton Beauchamp</b>     | Saturday 17th May 10:30am |

#### Church Electoral Rolls

Every sixth year, instead of a revision, new electoral rolls  
must be prepared before the Annual Parish Meetings.

This means that everyone must re-apply to be included  
on the electoral roll of their church. Application forms  
will be sent to those on the existing rolls.

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.

For an electronic copy, please contact the Benefice  
Administrator, stating which church you wish to join.

[info@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk](mailto:info@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk)

#### Confirmation

If you think you might be interested in being confirmed  
and would like to find out more, please talk to Patrick  
and we will arrange classes. All ages are welcome.

#### Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the  
late Howard Pack (local PCSO).  
Please keep them in your prayers.

#### 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.

## Amplify Adventure

A weekend away for young people in the Diocese of Oxford

Friday 11th July to Sunday 13th July 2025

Are you in school years 7 to 11? Do you enjoy meeting new friends?  
Why not join other like-minded people on this year's Amplify adventure camp?

Amplify Adventure is a camp run by the Diocese of Oxford at Adventure Plus in Clanfield. The camp will be full of fun, including games, campfires, worshipping God, and many other activities.

If you are 17 or 18, why not come along as a young leader? Olivia, who many of you will know from Messy Church or Family Services, is going along as a leader (and went as a young leader last year). She is happy to talk to anyone who is considering going.

There is a cost to the camp; however, there are discounts for families with more than one child attending or church groups. If you are interested in your child attending or would like more information, please email [standfast.shrivenham@yahoo.com](mailto:standfast.shrivenham@yahoo.com).

For a taste of what to expect, there's a video trailer on the Diocese website. [Oxford Diocese Amplify Adventure](#).

