



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'



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## 9th February 2025 Fourth Sunday before Lent

### 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

### 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  
 6:00pm Benefice Wardens' Meeting  
 St Andrew's Vicarage, Shrivenham  
 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group  
 Venue to be confirmed

### Thursday

8:45am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's  
 10:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)  
 Holy Communion  
 3:15pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
 Messy Church  
 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

### Friday

11:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
 Funeral – Howard Pack RIP

### Saturday

8:30am Men's Breakfast  
 The Barrington Arms, Shrivenham

### Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work  
 in Station Road in Ashbury, and Canon Hills Gardens  
 and Catherine Close in Shrivenham.

### Men's Breakfast – Saturday 15th February

8:30am in The Barrington Arms, Shrivenham

Please let David Ahern know by Wednesday 12th  
 if you plan to attend. 01793 783521

[davidmahern@gmail.com](mailto:davidmahern@gmail.com)

### Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the  
 late Jordan Williams and Stella Tidmarsh.  
 Please keep them in your prayers.

### Sunday 16th February

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

### Annual Parish Meetings

<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)

### Messy Church Thursday 13th February

3:15pm – 5pm

St Andrew's Church  
 Shrivenham



Messy Church is a church with a difference!  
 A chance to be creative, hear Bible stories, eat yummy  
 food and have fun with friends and family.

There is no charge to attend, but a minimum donation of  
 £1.50 per child towards costs would be appreciated.

For more information or to book a space contact

[standfast.shrivenham@yahoo.com](mailto:standfast.shrivenham@yahoo.com)

**Messy Church is open to all.**

### **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.

### **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.

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### **Associate Vicar Vacancy**

Unfortunately, no applications were received, so we will readvertise in due course. Please continue to pray for a successful conclusion to the appointment process.

#### **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.