



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'



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2nd March 2025 Sunday next before Lent

Sunday 2nd March

7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew
 Holy Communion (BCP)
 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
 Holy Communion (BCP)
 9:30am Longcot, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
 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

Tuesday

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
 2:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
 Funeral – Gary Pontin RIP

Ash Wednesday

9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group
 Back room, Shrivenham Methodist Church
 9:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
 11:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
 ASK Holy Communion
 with Imposition of Ashes
 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

Friday

12:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
 Funeral – Stella Tidmarsh RIP
 2:00pm Ashbury, St Mary
 World Day of Prayer Service

Saturday

10:00am Shrivenham Sports Pavilion
 Café Inspire

Sunday 9th March

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

ASK Holy Communion Service

The service lasts about 40 minutes and is followed by refreshments. If you would like to come along but struggle to get to church, please contact Pip Dudley and she will arrange for someone to collect you.

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Ashbury, St Mary at 2pm on Friday 7th March

Our sisters in The Cook Islands welcome us and lead us for the Day of Prayer 2025. This group of 15 islands in the South Pacific Ocean has a rich and colourful Māori heritage and a deep connection to nature. Join with us as we pray together and reflect on the theme 'I made you wonderful'.

World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers.

Cook Islands *I made you wonderful*



Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Wixes Piece in Ashbury, and Charlotte Close in Shrivenham.

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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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.

Associate Vicar Vacancy

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.

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.

Anyone who lives in one of our parishes or who regularly attends worship in one of our churches is welcome to join the electoral roll. This means that you can attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, vote on Church matters, and stand for election to the PCC.

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.

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Come and See



The theme for this year's Diocesan Lent course is Earth, Water, Wind and Fire - Understanding Baptism.

Through daily emails and a short Sunday video, we explore what it means to be human and what it means to be baptised as a Christian. The two questions belong very closely together. Who are we? What do we think we are made of? What are we made for?

It's free of charge, and all are welcome, whether you are new to exploring faith or have been coming to church for years. To find out more and sign up, visit

[Come and See](#)

Annual Parish Meetings

Ashbury	Wednesday 2nd April 7pm
Longcot & Fernham	Wednesday 9th April 6pm
Shrivenham, W & B	Wednesday 16th April 7pm
Compton Beauchamp	Saturday 17th May 10:30am

Snowdrops in St Swithun's Churchyard, Compton Beauchamp



Photo: Joanna Lambert