



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'



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16th March 2025 Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday 16th March

9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Matins
9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion
10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Morning Prayer
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Taizé Service
11:00am Bourton, St James & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
2:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas
Baptism

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group
Back room, Shrivenham Methodist Church
9:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
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
7:45pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Compline for Lent

Friday

5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Worship and Praise

Sunday 23rd March

10:30am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Benefice Holy Communion with Choir

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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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

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Berrycroft in Ashbury, and Church Walk and Faringdon Road in Shrivenham.

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

The post will be readvertised during April. 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.

Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Ian Lloyd Cookson. 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.

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Messy Church in St Andrew's

The theme on Thursday 13th March was Lent and the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness. Jesus said "one cannot live by bread alone but by every word of God" so we made bread rolls and bookmarks with that verse on to remind us that we need both. We also made an 'acts of kindness teller' to help us choose which kind acts to do each day during Lent, clay models of some of the animals Jesus may have seen in the wilderness and a wilderness collage.

