



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'



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20th April 2025 Easter Sunday

Easter Eve Saturday 19th April

8:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
 Easter Vigil with the Benefice Choir

The Easter Eve service is one of the most beautiful services of the Christian year, filled with imagery, symbolism and deep meaning as the new Easter Light is brought into the church.

Easter Sunday 20th April

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 Ashbury, St Mary
 Holy Communion

No midweek online services until Tuesday 6th May

Thursday

11:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew
 ASK Prayer Tree

Friday

10:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew
 Coffee and Chat

Sunday 27th April

10:30am Fernham, St John & [Facebook](#)
 Benefice Holy Communion with the Choir



As we prepare to celebrate Easter, let us remember the love which our Saviour Jesus Christ showed by dying for us on the Cross. When he rises from the dead, may he give us happiness, good health, fulfilment of dreams, hope, new beginnings and peace. Let us continue to mirror the hospitality of God. I wish you all a happy Easter.

Patrick

The Benefice office will be closed

from Sunday 20th April to Sunday 27th April inclusive.
 Emails will be checked regularly.

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Ashdown Estate in Ashbury, and Common Close in Shrivenham.

Songs & Stories and Baby & Toddler Group

The groups that meet on Wednesday and Thursday mornings are now taking a break until after the school Easter holidays.

Songs & Stories restarts on 23rd April.

Baby & Toddlers restarts on 24th April.

Annual Parish Meeting

Compton Beauchamp Saturday 17th May 10:30am

The Clarinet Collective Spring Concert

Saturday 10th May at 6 pm
 St Mary's Church, Longcot

The programme includes uplifting music from the 18th century to the present day. The second half of the concert will feature popular wartime classics to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

Free admission with retiring collection. Booking required in advance by email to victorialmedcalf@gmail.com

The church will be decorated with themed flower arrangements which will remain in place until the end of South Oxfordshire Artweek on 17th May.

In aid of St Mary's Church and Longcot Village Trust.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday 19th April at 1pm
 Starting at St Thomas' Church Watchfield
 £1.50 entry
 All proceeds to St Thomas' Church

Rev'd Patrick Mabhunu will be off duty from Monday 21st April to Wednesday 7th May inclusive.

For pastoral emergencies please call 01793 783519 or 07958 378 822

Palm Sunday Procession



Tilly and Tinkerbell couldn't join us for this year's procession as they were suffering from asthma due to pollen allergies. We hope they are feeling better now.



Messy Easter Garden



What an amazing turn out for our Messy Easter Garden! About 26 children came with their parents for the Easter story, making Easter gardens (one for the church and a mini one to take away), some messy crafts, and of course, lots of hot cross bun eating! The garden looks fabulous in the church porch and the cross made with handprints is great! Thank you to all those who came along and a big thank you to all those who helped make the morning go smoothly!



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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