



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'



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8th March 2026 Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday 8th March

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

Monday

- 6:30pm Rock Solid Youth Club
Shrivenham Methodist Church

Tuesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 1:30pm Tuesday Chronological Bible Study Group
St Andrew's Vicarage, Shrivenham
- 7:00pm Shrivenham, Watchfield & Bourton PCC

Wednesday

- 9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Morning Prayer
- 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

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

Friday

- 8:45am Ashbury, St Mary
School Service for Mothering Sunday

Saturday

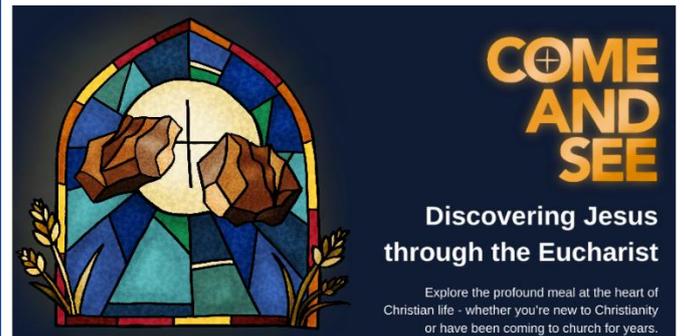
- 10:00am Shrivenham Sports Pavilion
Café Inspire
- 10:30am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Baptism

Mothering Sunday 15th March

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

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Walnut Trees Hill in Ashbury, and Charlotte Close and Chambers Lane in Shrivenham.



This week: The Bread of Life.

Watch Bishop Steven's video on our [website](#).
Read the daily reflections at

oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see

Messy Church **Thursday 12th March**

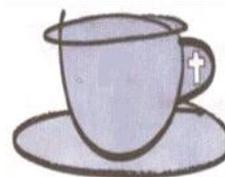
3:15pm – 5pm

St Andrew's Church
Shrivenham



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



Café Inspire

Saturday 14th March

Shrivenham Sports Pavilion

Drop in for tea, coffee and squash, bacon rolls, homemade cakes and chat between 10am and 11:30am.

Toys, games and crafts to entertain younger visitors.
All ages welcome.

Welcome

Welcome to Archie Jay Cross who was baptised on Sunday 1st March in St Andrew's Church, Shrivenham.

Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Helen Maley. Please keep them in your prayers.

Unpack the Christian faith together.



Meet new people and explore the Christian faith together. Alpha is for anyone who's curious. No judgement, no pressure. Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith, and purpose, and is designed to spark conversation. Come along, see what you think.

We will be running another Alpha course from 14th April to 16th June, meeting every Tuesday from 7 – 9:30pm in Shrivenham Methodist Church.

More information from
Jane 07947 036843 or Paul 07969 078816

Yeshua Children's Ministry – South Africa

Yeshua Children's Ministry looks after 23 children, their parents, and 17 pensioners in Munziville, a squatter camp west of Johannesburg. The following is an extract from their latest newsletter.



A particularly joyful and memorable day took place on 1st March, when Joanna Lambert from the UK visited us. Joanna, together with members of her church, blessed the elderly members of the community with beautiful bags of gifts from the UK. Their intention was simply to remind these precious elderly people that they are loved, remembered, and not forgotten.

Joanna also spent time seeing where the children live and learning more about their circumstances. Each child also received a special hamper filled with carefully chosen gifts. It was truly a beautiful and productive day that helped us see the children's needs more clearly as we continue planning ways to support them.



Joanna has faithfully sponsored Kaylee since she was a little girl. It was incredibly special that they were finally able to meet in person.



We would like to say a special thank you to Joanna, Maggie Simons and the Ashbury Village community for their kindness and involvement, and to the children from Ashbury with Compton Beauchamp Primary School whose thoughtful letters brought so much encouragement and joy.

With gratitude and blessings,
Charmaine