



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## 19th April 2026 Third Sunday of Easter

### Sunday 19th April

9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Morning Prayer

9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion (BCP)

10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion

11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Morning Worship (Iona)

11:00am Bourton, St James  
Holy Communion with Baptism

4:00pm Fernham, St John  
Songs of Praise  
All welcome to come along and sing.  
Do stay for refreshments afterwards.

### 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 Methodist Church  
Alpha

### 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

6:00pm Longcot with Fernham APCM in St Mary's

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

6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

### Friday

10:00am Coffee & Chat in St Andrew's

11:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
ASK Prayer Tree

### Sunday 26th April

9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun  
Matins

9:30am Longcot, St Mary & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion with Benefice Choir

9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Matins

10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion

11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Holy Communion

### Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Church Lane in Ashbury, and Common Close and Constantine Close in Shrivenham.

### Alpha at Shrivenham Methodist Church

Every Tuesday at 7pm until 16th June.  
Don't worry if you missed the first session on 14th April, there's still time to join the group.  
More information from Jane Ahern 07947 036843  
**Jane is looking for volunteers to provide meals for the Alpha suppers**

### St Andrew's Church Prayer Tree

If anyone would like prayer, you will find a basket of paper leaves and pens near the Prayer Tree at the entrance to the Lady Chapel. Just write your request on a leaf and hang it on the tree.  
The ASK team pray these prayers at 11:30am on the last Friday of every month.

### Welcome

Welcome to Lorna Jane Cottrell, Iris Emilia McKinlay, and Olive Mollie Stanley who were all baptised on Sunday 12th April at St Swithun's, St Andrew's, and St Mary's Ashbury respectively.

### Ascension Day – Thursday 14th May

We have three services to celebrate Ascension Day.

11:00am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Said Holy Communion (BCP)

3:15pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Messy Church

7:00pm Ashbury, St Mary  
Choral Evensong with the Benefice Choir



After the 7pm service there will be a jacket potato supper at Ashbury Village Hall which is open to everyone.  
Please let Revd Janet know if you would like to come so we know how many potatoes to cook.

The supper will be free, donations on the night if you wish. [associate.vicar@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk](mailto:associate.vicar@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk)

### Condolences

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

## The Clarinet Collective Spring Concert Music Around the World

Saturday 2nd May at 6pm (doors open 5:30pm)  
St Mary's Church, Longcot



The programme has as its theme the idea of global harmony through the unifying language of music. It will celebrate the richness and diversity of musical cultures from around the world including England, France, Germany, Austria, America, Israel and Russia.

Inspiring works by wonderful composers through the ages, from Bach and Mozart to Holst, Borodin, Dvorak, Bizet and Lennon and McCartney will provide a colourful and relaxing evening's entertainment in the beautiful surroundings of St. Mary's Church.

Admission is free with a retiring collection.

Profits will be shared between St. Mary's Church, the Longcot Village Trust and the UNICEF Ukraine Appeal.

Seats are un-numbered, but places must be reserved in advance by emailing [victorialmedcalf@gmail.com](mailto:victorialmedcalf@gmail.com).

Bar open before the concert and during the interval.

## Annual Parochial Church Meetings

<b>Longcot &amp; Fernham</b>	Wednesday 22nd April 7pm
<b>Compton Beauchamp</b>	Saturday 9th May 10:30am
<b>Shrivenham, W &amp; B</b>	Wednesday 20th May 7pm

## Church Electoral Rolls

Church electoral rolls will be revised before the annual parish meetings. If your contact details have changed, please let your parish Electoral Roll Officer know.

Anyone who regularly attends worship in one of our churches or who lives in one of our parishes 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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## Benefice Pilgrimage – Sunday 31st May

Meeting at St Mary's Longcot at 2:30pm, we will begin with a short prayer and walk from there to St Swithun's Compton Beauchamp. It's 3 miles and we will be walking on footpaths. At St Swithun's there will be refreshments and a short service of prayer. We will then return to Longcot with more short prayers when we arrive, and then those who would like to are welcome to pop into the King and Queen for some post walk refreshment.



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