



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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17th May 2026 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday 17th May

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 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
- 7:00pm Shrivenham, Watchfield & Bourton APCM
in St Andrew's

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

Saturday

- 4:30pm Bourton, St James
Wedding Blessing

Sunday 24th May Pentecost

- 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
- 2:00pm Longcot, St Mary
Baptism

Tuesday Chronological Bible Study Group

The group is taking a break during the summer and will restart in September.

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Idstone Road in Ashbury, and Damson Trees in Shrivenham.

Rev'd Dr Janet Anderson-MacKenzie is off duty from Monday 18th until Saturday 23rd May inclusive.

Shrivenham with Watchfield and Bourton Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Wednesday 20th May at 7pm
in St Andrew's Church

If you would like an electronic copy of the APCM Report please contact the Benefice Administrator.

info@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk

Benefice Pilgrimage Sunday 31st May

From St Mary's Longcot to St Swithun's Compton Beauchamp and back. If you don't feel that energetic, you are welcome to join us for the first or second half.

Meeting at St Mary's at 2:30pm, we will begin with a short prayer and walk from there to St Swithun's.

It's 3 miles and we will be walking on footpaths.

Well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome.

At St Swithun's there will be refreshments and a short service of prayer, after which we will walk back to Longcot with more short prayers when we arrive.

Then those who would like to are welcome to pop into the King and Queen for some post walk refreshment.

For more details and a map, contact Revd Janet.

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St Andrew's Churchyard Maintenance Morning

Saturday 10th June from 10am
More details to follow.

Shrivenham Open Gardens

Sunday 12th July from 2pm

We're looking for gardens for this annual fundraising event in aid of St Andrew's Restoration Project.

Your garden does not have to be in pristine condition! Please contact Julian Stevens on 01793 782065 if you would like your garden to be included.

Thank You

Many thanks to Revd Janet and Ian for preparing the delicious jacket potato supper we enjoyed in Ashbury Village Hall after Ascension Day Choral Evensong. There was even jelly and ice cream for pudding!



The theme on Thursday 14th May was Ascension Day. We made bracelets and bookmarks to help us remember that before he went back up to heaven Jesus promised he would always be with us. We also made cloud biscuits, candy floss clouds and an Ascension collage and models.



