



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

"Mirroring the hospitality of God"

Sunday 16th May 7th Sunday of Easter

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Sunday 16th May

We will be inviting people to renew their Baptismal Vows during today's services.

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew.
Holy Communion (BCP).
9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun.
Matins (BCP).
9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas.
Matins (BCP).
10:00am Bourton, St James & [Facebook](#).
Holy Communion.
10:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew.
Morning Prayer.
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary.
Third Sunday Service.
6:00pm Longcot, St Mary & [Facebook](#).
Choral Evensong with Choir
for the Flower Festival.

Due to Covid restrictions seats must be reserved in advance. Please call 07958 378822 to book.

Richard Fergusson is giving today's sermon.
Watch on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) from 9am.

Watch Canon Paul Richardson's sermon for Evensong on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) from 5pm.

Tuesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#).
1:00pm Bereavement Café.
St Andrew's Vicarage Garden.

Wednesday

- 9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#).
Morning Prayer
10:30am The Wisdom House via Zoom.
7:00pm Longcot with Fernham PCC via Zoom.

Thursday

- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#).

Friday

- 5:30pm Worship and Praise. Live via Zoom.
Contact David Ahern for details of how to take part.
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Sunday 23rd

Pentecost

- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary.
Morning Prayer.
9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas.
Holy Communion (BCP).
10:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew.
Holy Communion.
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#).
Holy Communion.
3:00pm St Andrew's Churchyard & [Facebook](#).
Annual Covenant Service with
Shrivenham Methodist Church.

Please remember that, even though many of us have now had one or more vaccinations, the coronavirus is still circulating and we can still transmit it.

Face coverings are mandatory, and you should either scan the NHS test and trace QR code or use the sign-in sheets on entering. Hand sanitiser is available and remember to maintain social distancing.

Please do not come into church if you think you may have symptoms of Covid 19.

Choral Evensong with Choir at St Mary's Longcot for the Flower Festival Sunday 16th May at 6:00pm



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Sunday School

In 1777 Revd Thomas Stock, Curate of Ashbury, formed what is believed to be the first Sunday School in the country. On Saturday May 22nd at 10.30am at St Mary's Ashbury we have a meeting to see if we can revive a Sunday School for our Benefice today. We are looking for volunteers to help lead a Sunday School once a month at 3.00pm on Sundays from September.

Each Sunday School session will end with a short family service at 4.15pm called "Come and See with Cake and Tea" (so volunteers for cakes etc as well please!), an opportunity for parents and other family members to see what the children have been working at and to join with them in worship.

We hope we might be able to run Sunday School at Ashbury, Longcot, and Watchfield every month in school term IF we get the volunteers.

Please come and find out more on 22nd May.
Paul

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Wixes Piece.

Longcot Flower Festival

Saturday 15th to Sunday 23rd May
St Mary's Church will be open daily from 10am to 4pm
except Saturday 22nd (10 – 11am only).

'A Village Celebration'

The 1940's theme with its street party and designs
featuring Longcot tales will be a bright welcome back to
the annual flower festival.

Cream Teas at Treetops, The Green
from 1 to 4pm daily.



Nearly ready!

Annual Parish Meetings

Shrivenham, W & B Wednesday 2nd June 7:30pm
Compton Beauchamp Saturday 12th June 11am
Longcot & Fernham Wednesday 14th July 7pm

Meetings will be held in church if permitted by
regulations in place at the time, otherwise via Zoom.
All welcome

If you would like to become a member of your PCC,
please contact the PCC Secretary or churchwarden.

Parish Electoral Rolls are being updated before the
meetings. If you would like to join the Roll or your
contact details have changed, please contact your
church's PCC Secretary or Churchwarden.

Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that
invites Christians around the world to pray from
Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to
know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from
the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church
of England has grown into an international and
ecumenical call to prayer.

We will be posting a video on Facebook and our
[website](#) every day from Ascension Day (13th May)
until Pentecost (Sunday 23rd May).

Find out more at [Thy Kingdom Come](#).

Our churches will be open for private prayer from 16th to 23rd May as follows:

Ashbury 10am – 4pm on Thursday
Compton Beauchamp 9am – 5pm daily
Longcot 10am – 4pm daily
Shrivenham 9am – 5pm daily
and to view the Easter Garden.
Watchfield 10am – 4pm on Wednesday
If you have donations for the Faringdon Food Bank
please leave them in the box provided.

New High Sheriff of Oxfordshire



Theologian, Imam and former businessman,
Monawar Hussain was sworn in as Oxfordshire's
new High Sheriff on 8th April 2021.

The office of High Sheriff is an independent non-
political royal appointment made by the Queen. While
the role dates back to Saxon times, it has evolved to
include a mix of ceremonial, charitable and community
functions and is voluntary and unfunded.

Monawar is a Muslim chaplain at Oxford University
Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, a tutor at Eton
College and founded The Oxford Foundation – a
charity that promotes religious and racial harmony
through educational and arts-based activities. He has
also devised, pioneered and successfully steered a
unique programme that confronts violent extremist
ideology, which has been used to train religious
education teachers in the UK.

Monawar said: "This is a huge honour and I am thrilled
to have been appointed by Her Majesty The Queen to
a role which dates back nearly 1,300 years. Although I
won't be invoking age old powers to tackle lawlessness
or raise taxes, I will be seeking to support the judiciary,
the police, emergency services and all our
communities of faith or no faith, in the county."

"During this very difficult year, I have witnessed first
hand the acts of altruistic kindness, compassion and
love, that have been truly inspirational. Fellow citizens
from all walks of life – faiths, cultures, professions and
communities – have come together looking out for the
vulnerable and needy. They have also continued to do
their duty to keep the wheels of our county in motion,
all this despite the personal risk to themselves from this
terrible virus."

"I therefore will dedicate my year as High Sheriff to
thanking and celebrating 'Oxfordshire's heroes',
individuals and voluntary groups, from all walks of life
who have made exceptional contributions to their
communities all across the county."