



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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**Sunday 8th May 2022**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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

Wearing a face covering indoors is no longer mandatory but we would encourage you to exercise discretion, especially in larger services or smaller churches.

Please respect the concerns of others in the congregation. Hand sanitizer is available.

Holy Communion will be offered in one kind only.

**Sunday 8th May**

Rev'd Norma Fergusson is giving today's sermon. Watch on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or our [website](#) from 9am.

9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Matins (BCP)  
9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Holy Communion  
10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion  
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Holy Communion  
2:30pm Longcot, St Mary  
Baptism  
3:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas  
Benefice Sunday School

**Tuesday**

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)  
6:00pm Longcot & Fernham APCM

**Wednesday**

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)  
9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group  
Shrivenham Methodist Church  
10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom  
6:00pm Compton Beauchamp APCM  
7:00pm Wednesday Study Group  
St Andrew's Vicarage

**Thursday**

9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's  
9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)  
10:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion  
6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

**Friday**

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

**Saturday**

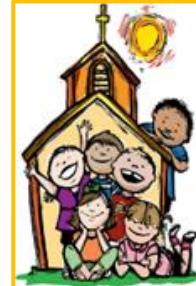
9:00am Children's Clothing Giveaway  
St Andrew's Church Shrivenham  
10:00am Café Inspire in Shrivenham School Hall

**Sunday 15th May**

7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion (BCP)  
9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun  
Matins (BCP)  
9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Matins (BCP)  
9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Morning Prayer  
10:00am Bourton, St James & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion  
10:30am Shrivenham Methodist Church  
United Christian Aid Service  
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Morning Worship (Iona)

**Benefice Sunday School**  
**Sunday 8th May**

St Thomas' Church Watchfield  
followed by refreshments  
in the Village Hall



Drop your child off at 3pm,  
then come along at 4pm for a short  
family service with a cuppa and cake.

Parents who wish to stay for the whole time  
are welcome to do so.

Open to all children aged 4 – 11 in the Benefice.

**Wednesday Study Groups**

The morning and evening groups will be looking at the lives of the main characters in the book of Ruth – Boaz, Ruth and Naomi – and how God moved in their lives and similarities of how he moves in ours today.

There will be six weekly sessions.

Please contact Norma if you would like to join in  
or need more information. 01793 784338  
[vicar@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk](mailto:vicar@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk)

**Community Cycle of Prayer**

Please pray for all who live and work in Station Road in Ashbury, and Fairthorne Way in Shrivenham.

**Annual Parish Meetings**

Longcot & Fernham	Tuesday 10th May 6pm
Compton Beauchamp	Wednesday 11th May 6pm
Ashbury	Tuesday 24th May 7pm
	All welcome

**Condolences**

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



### Jubilee Concert with the Clarinet Collective Saturday 21st May

St Mary's Church Longcot at 6:30 pm  
**'Rose, Leek, Thistle and Shamrock'**

The programme will include music from all four parts of the UK, in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

There will also be works by English composers through the ages, from Byrd and Purcell to Vaughan Williams and Elgar, and some 20th century pieces inspired by Celtic and English folk music.



At the other end of the musical spectrum are some lighter numbers, including Jack Strachey's ever popular piece 'In Party Mood', which was theme tune for BBC radio's Housewives

Choice in the year of the coronation of Elizabeth II.



Admission is free with a retiring collection, but places will need to be reserved in advance by email to [victorialmedcalf@gmail.com](mailto:victorialmedcalf@gmail.com).

Profits will go to the Longcot Village Trust fund in order to support future community projects in the Village.



### The Garden of Gethsemane

Thinking about worries and things you need help with



### The Cross

Forgiving and being forgiven



### Easter Sunday

Peace

"Be still and know that I am God."  
Psalm 46 v10



### Prayer Space in St Andrew's last week

All the pupils from Shrivenham Primary School took part in Prayer Space in St Andrew's Church last week.

Every class from reception to year 6 enjoyed an hour exploring ideas such as gratitude, forgiveness, hopes & dreams, and peace. Divided into small groups, they all had a chance to try each of the six thought-provoking activities based on the themes and events of Easter.



### Palm Sunday

Thank you prayers on palm leaves.



### The Last Supper

Thinking about friends and special people

### The Empty Tomb

Hopes and Dreams

