



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## Sunday 15th May 2022

## Fifth 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 15th May

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

- 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)

### Tuesday

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)

### 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
- 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](#)
- 12 noon Stainswick Lane Cemetery Ashes Interment – Margaret Cooke
- 6:00pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's followed by AGM

### Friday

- 9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew Worship and Praise

### Saturday

- 8:30am Shrivenham Men's Breakfast Venue to be confirmed.
- 12:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew Baptism

### Sunday 22nd May

- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew Holy Communion by Extension
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#) Holy Communion

### Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for all who live and work in The Malhouses in Ashbury, and Faringdon Road in Shrivenham.

## Christian Aid Week 15-21 May 2022

Although a lot of attention is rightly being focused on the people of the Ukraine right now, it is important not to forget the thousands – millions – of others who are also desperately in need of our help.

For the first time in a generation, global poverty is rising. In Zimbabwe, for example, the combined effects of the climate crisis, covid, conflict, and drought have robbed communities of the power to provide for their children.

This Christian Aid Week, can we stand with those who are struggling to lift their families out of hunger, raise our voices to call for climate justice and pray that families will stay strong during times of drought

Christian Aid hopes to restore justice to the world, and protect the future for our children and grandchildren. To turn hunger into hope. Every gift can change a life.

For more information and to donate, please look at [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

### Worship and Praise

Friday 20th May at 5:30pm  
St Andrew's Church Shrivenham

All age informal service with a live worship group.

Bible readings, worship songs and informal prayer, led this month by John and Julie Steventon.

Worship and Praise meets monthly on the third Friday.



**Our condolences** to the family and friends of the late Ian Cox and Alexander Dickinson. Please keep them in your prayers.

### Ashbury Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 24th May at 7pm in St Mary's Church



**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.



**GREENPEACE** x **EVERYDAY PLASTIC**

**THE BIG  
PLASTIC  
COUNT  
16-22 MAY**

Right now, nobody really knows how much plastic we're throwing away or what happens to it. Though we all do our bit to recycle, plastic waste is everywhere and likely to increase. 'Greenpeace' and 'Everyday Plastic' have teamed up to create the UK's biggest nationwide investigation into household plastic waste. The aim is to identify how much household plastic we throw away and how much is really recycled by asking everyone to count their plastic waste for a week in May.

If you're interested please sign up at <http://thebigplasticcount.com/get-counting> to receive a free pack with everything you need (on recycled paper!) and start counting. At the end you will receive a personal "plastic footprint" and discover what really happens to plastic when it leaves your home.

**Service Prayer**

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us talents which we can use to support others.  
We are grateful for all the people who serve us.  
Thank you for giving us the strength to serve others willingly.

We apologise for not always noticing and appreciating when other people serve us.  
Sorry for not remembering to put others before ourselves.  
We apologise for sometimes taking the service that people provide us for granted.

Please show us how to use our talents and gifts to help others.  
Please help us to serve people who need us.  
In the future, please help us to volunteer to serve others willingly.

Amen

Ashbury with Compton Beauchamp CE Primary School

**Men's Breakfast in Shrivenham**

Saturday 21st May



Meet at 8:30am – venue to be confirmed.

For catering purposes, please let David Ahern know by Wednesday 18th if you plan to attend.

01793 783521 or [davidmahern@gmail.com](mailto:davidmahern@gmail.com).

Men's Breakfast runs monthly on the 3rd Saturday.