



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 1st May 2022

Third 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.

Please note that St Andrew's will be closed from Tuesday 3rd – Thursday 5th this week to allow exclusive access for school pupils attending Prayer Space. If you would like to see and experience Prayer Space for yourself, the church will be open for you to explore from 3:30 - 6pm each day.

Sunday 1st May

Richard 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
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion by Extension
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Family Service
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Morning Prayer
- 3:00pm Longcot Methodist Chapel
United Service
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Compline and Benediction

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
- 2:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & Facebook
ASK Holy Communion
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group
St Andrew's Vicarage

Thursday

- 9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

Friday

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

Saturday

- 10:00am Bourton, St James
Family Service

Sunday 8th May

- 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

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.

Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's on 5th May

Please note that the group will not meet this week, as the church is being used for Prayer Space.



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



**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.



Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for all who live and work in Pound Piece in Ashbury, and Damson Trees in Shrivenham.

Annual Parish Meetings

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

Job Opportunity

PA/Secretary to the Bishop of Swindon

The Diocese of Bristol is recruiting for a PA/Secretary to the Bishop of Swindon. The position is a half-time job-share for 17.5 hours per week.

You can find full details and apply [here](#).

The closing date is 2nd May 2022.

Fun for all at Messy Church in St Andrew's last Thursday



Messy Church is a church with a difference!

A chance to be creative, hear Bible stories, eat yummy food and have fun with friends and family.

The next session is on Thursday 26th May.

Email standfast.shrivenham@yahoo.com for more information and bookings.

Messy Church is open to the whole Benefice.