



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## Sunday 29th May 2022

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

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

**Holy Communion will be offered in one kind only.**

### Sunday 29th May

Padre Phil Craven is giving today's online sermon. Watch on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or our [website](#) from 9am.

11:00am Longcot, St Mary & Facebook  
Benefice Holy Communion with Choir followed by the Dedication of St Mary's Community Hub

The Venerable Judy French, Archdeacon of Dorchester, will lead the service. The Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, Mrs Marjorie Glasgow BEM, will be attending and will unveil a plaque at the official opening ceremony which follows the service.

**All are welcome at the service but due to seating constraints there is a limit on numbers, so please contact Lucy Laird to book a seat.**

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After the service ends there will be a 10-minute window between 12:10pm and 12:20pm for other villagers who wish to join the congregation and the Lord-Lieutenant will then formally open the Community Hub at 12.20pm.

This will be an opportunity to look at the new facilities and enjoy some light refreshments. No booking is required and, again, all are welcome.

### Tuesday

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

1:00pm Bereavement Café. St Andrew's Vicarage

### Wednesday 1st June

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

12 noon Shrivenham, St Andrew

Wedding

2:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & Facebook  
ASK Holy Communion

A special celebration for the ASK team and congregation marking both 15 years of ministry in the Benefice as well as Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

Do join us for a short service followed by afternoon tea.

7:00pm Shrivenham, Watchfield & Bourton PCC

### 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 for the Jubilee

10:00am Longcot, St Mary

Oxford Diocesan Guild bell ringing training course until 2pm

### Sunday 5th June Pentecost

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

11:00am Shrivenham Recreation Ground  
United Service for the Jubilee

Do join us for songs of prayer and praise followed by a bring your own picnic lunch.

5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & Facebook  
Choral Evensong with the Benefice Choir

### Longcot Jubilee Concert - Saturday 21st May

Thank you to the Clarinet Collective for the wonderful concert in St Mary's last weekend, and to everyone who gave so generously to the retiring collection - a good sum was raised for Longcot Village Trust.



### Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for all who live and work in Wixes Piece in Ashbury, and Forrest Close in Shrivenham.

### Songs & Stories and Baby & Toddler Group

The groups that meet on Wednesday and Thursday mornings are not meeting this week as it is half-term.

### Wednesday Study Groups

The groups that meet on Wednesday are not meeting this week as it is half-term.

**Welcome** to Iris and Edith Morgan who were baptised at Longcot St Mary on Sunday 8th May, and Neveah Renee Elizabeth Mills who was baptised at Shrivenham St Andrew on Saturday 21st May.

### Prayer Space in Ashbury St Mary

St Mary's Church hosted Prayer Space for the children of Ashbury with Compton Beauchamp Primary School last week. The theme was 'Change', and included an opportunity for the year 6 pupils to reflect on the transition to secondary school.



### Holy Communion

As most members of our congregations know, since we returned to public worship after the first lockdown in July 2020, we have received Communion in only one kind during services of Holy Communion. It is now permissible to share the chalice again, so we have decided to offer Communion in two kinds (bread and wine) from Pentecost this year, Sunday 5th June.

The opportunity for the whole People of God to receive both bread and wine has been a crucial principle of Reformed churches since the sixteenth century; we are glad not to have to suspend this opportunity any longer. However, it's also important to know that God gives the fullness of grace in Communion, however we receive it. There is no pressure to receive the chalice if you prefer not to.

### Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Vera Morris, formerly of Hazell's Lane Shrevenham, and Maryse Lawrie formerly of Longcot. Please keep them in your prayers.

### Benefice Pilgrimage Sunday 26th June

We often talk about our "Christian journey" and for many this is purely figurative, but for others it is literally true as they walk to or between holy places, meeting God in new ways as they go. Last August we organised a Benefice pilgrimage from Bourton St James to Shrevenham St Andrew and back. The feedback from the 25 pilgrims who shared the journey was positive and we agreed to organise another one.

This year we will walk from Ashbury to Compton Beauchamp and back. Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome too. We'll depart from St Mary's Church at 2:30pm, arriving at St Swithun's in time for tea and cake before a short service at 4pm. We'll set off on the return journey at about 4:30pm, and the bar at the Rose and Crown will be open for refreshment when we get back to Ashbury. Everyone is welcome to join us, even if only for the walk and tea! For more details and a map please contact Richard Fergusson (01793 780057) or David Watson (01793 783405)

**Sustainable Shrevenham** are holding an online auction to raise funds for the Community Hub they are setting up in the old Lloyds Bank premises in Shrevenham High Street.

Live online from 21st – 31st May

[www.jumblebee.co.uk/thehubfundraiser](http://www.jumblebee.co.uk/thehubfundraiser)

### The St Andrew's Handbell Ringers in Oxford

The ringers were taking part in a performance of Benjamin Britten's 'Noye's Fludde' with New College School at the Sheldonian Theatre. All the pupils (reception to year 8) took part, either in the orchestra, singing or playing animals. They were supported by a small ensemble of professional musicians and two singers who took on the roles of Noye and his wife, alongside Alexander Armstrong as the voice of God. It was an amazing experience for all concerned!

