



The Shrevenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 26th March 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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.

Sunday 26th March

Padre Phil Craven is giving today's online sermon.

We are also sharing Bishop Steven's weekly 'Come and See' films during Lent.

Watch on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or our [website](#) from 9am.

10:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)
Benefice Holy Communion with Choir

Monday

6:30pm Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Compline for Lent

7:15pm Ashbury PCC Meeting

Tuesday

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

1:00pm Bereavement Café
5 Martens Road Shrevenham

Wednesday

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

9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group
Shrevenham Methodist Church

10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom

7:00pm Wednesday Study Group
St Andrew's Vicarage

Thursday

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

9:15am Ashbury, St Mary
School Easter Service

9:30am Shrevenham, St Andrew
School Easter Service

6:00pm Shrevenham, St Andrew
ASK Evening Prayer

6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

Friday

9:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Matins. Also live on [Facebook](#)

9:30am Longcot, St Mary
School Easter Service

1:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas
Funeral – Andrew Bailey RIP

Saturday 1st April

10:00am Bourton, St James. Family Service

12 noon Shrevenham, St Andrew. Baptism

Baby & Toddler Group

The group that meets on Thursday mornings in St Andrew's is taking a break and will restart after the school Easter holidays on Thursday 20th April.

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Ashdown Estate in Ashbury, and Cleycourt Road in Shrevenham.

Palm Sunday 2nd April

7:45am Shrevenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)

Please come and join our Palm Sunday Procession with donkeys through Shrevenham followed by a Benefice Service with the Methodists in St Andrew's.

9:45am Palm Sunday Procession with donkeys starting at Shrevenham Methodist Church

10:15am Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Palm Sunday Service with Benefice Choir

Come and See

The promise

The Holy Spirit is a promise of what's to come. When we try and live our lives without the help and comfort of the Holy Spirit it can't be done.



COME AND SEE

"Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty"
[oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see](https://www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see)

This week's film – 'The Promise'

It's one thing to be given a fresh start, but if nothing changes on the inside, how will things be any different going forward?

Jesus' Beatitudes are special kind of promise.
Come and see...

The Diocese posts a link to each day's resources on its website. There is also a link to a weekly set of resources especially for children and families.

Visit <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see/>

Church Electoral Rolls

Church electoral rolls will be revised before the annual parish meetings. Please let your parish Electoral Roll Officer know if your contact details have changed since last year. If you would like to join the electoral roll, please contact your church's PCC Secretary or Churchwarden, or pick up an application form in church.

Annual Parish Meetings

Shrevenham, W & B Tuesday 18th April 7pm
Compton Beauchamp Saturday 22nd April 11am
Longcot & Fernham Tuesday 25th April 6pm
Ashbury Thursday 27th April 7pm

All welcome



KICK START EASTER!

**Saturday 1st April
Ashbury Village Hall**

Two interactive concerts, hosted by The Rose and Crooners - to raise money for The Watchfield and Shrivenham Community Larder

3pm - 4.30pm - including coffee and cake

5.30pm - 7pm - including wine and canapees

Tea/coffee and cake available to buy at the first concert, wine to buy at the second, raffle tickets to buy at both, and donation buckets onsite, so bring your pennies, your sense of humours, and your Easter Bonnets!

Tickets available from The Rose and Crown
£2 each



EASTER EGG HUNT

**Saturday
8th April
1pm - 3:30 pm**

**Starting at
St Thomas' Church,
Watchfield**

Everyone welcome!

£1.50 entry

All proceeds to St Thomas' Church



Farewell to Jane from the Baby and Toddler Group

The Baby and Toddler Group that meets in St Andrew's Church said farewell to Jane Hollick, one of the leaders, last Thursday. The other helpers had managed to collect handprints from the children and good luck messages from the parents to make this lovely card without Jane knowing! Jane is retiring at the end of the month and plans to go travelling but we hope she will come back and say hello next time she passes through Shrivenham.

