



The Shrevenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 7th May 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter



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

Sunday 7th May

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

- 7:45am Shrevenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10:15am Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Benefice Holy Communion with the Choir
In celebration of the Coronation
- 3:00pm Longcot Methodist Chapel
United Service
- 5:30pm Longcot, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Choral Evensong with the Benefice Choir

Tuesday 2nd May

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

Wednesday

- 9:00am Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Morning Prayer
- 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 Church

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Saturday

10:00am Café Inspire in Shrevenham School Hall

Sunday 14th May

- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Matins
- 10:15am Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Bell Sunday Service
followed by Communion by Extension
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Holy Communion
- 5:30pm Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Compline and Benediction

Bell Sunday – 14th May

St Dunstan is known as the Patron Saint of bellringers due to his experimentation in early forging of bells in the 900'sAD, so the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has chosen the nearest Sunday to his feast day (19th May) to introduce Bell Sunday; a day where the contribution of bells and bellringers to the life of the Church is recognised and celebrated.



Our local ringers will be involved in a special service at St Andrew's and you will also notice references to bells and ringing in our other services on 14th May.

Within the Benefice we have active bands of ringers at St Mary's Ashbury, St Mary's Longcot and St Andrew's Shrevenham. New recruits and returning ringers are always welcome. Please contact Tony Crabtree for more information.

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Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Odstone Farm and Cottages near Ashbury, and Curtis Road in Shrevenham.

Choral Evensong with the Benefice Choir

St Mary's Church Longcot
Sunday 7th May at 5:30pm

A wonderful, peaceful end to a day of celebrations.
Collection in aid of church funds.

Fernham Big Coronation Tea

Sunday 7th May
St John's Church Fernham
from 3pm onwards

Coffee Morning

Friday 12th May from 10am - 12 noon
in St Andrew's Church Shrevenham

Come and join us for coffee, cake and chat.

Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Frank Mullin and Jeff Buckingham.
Please keep them in your prayers.

Flower Festival in St Mary's Church Longcot

Saturday 6th to Sunday 14th May
from 10am to 4pm daily.



The festival is called 'Ring for the King' and will be based on the traditional coronation colours of purple, gold and white. Free admission.

Art and Poetry for Performance

St Mary's Church Longcot

A lively and fun presentation in which local poet and author Diana Moore shares ways of seeing art on a range of subjects (from pets to museum pieces) and how to write and present to an audience.

Includes creating a song lyric from a poem.

Two sessions are available:

Wednesday 10th May from 10:15am to 11am
Friday 12th May 4pm – 4:45pm. This session is aimed at people with school age children. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

No charge, but places must be booked in advance by email to diana@diana-moore.com

Clarinet Collective Concert – Music fit for a King

Saturday 13th May at 6:30pm

Featuring music with a royal connection, including works by Mozart, Bach and Benny Goodman, and opening in festive mood with the overture from Handel's Music for the Royal Fireworks.

Seats must be reserved in advance by emailing victorialmedcalf@gmail.com

Free admission – donations in aid of Longcot Village Trust to support future community projects.

ASK Coronation Tea Party



Raising a glass to King Charles after the ASK Holy Communion service in St Andrew's on Wednesday 3rd May.

Hymns and Pimms at St Mary's Ashbury

Sunday 21st May at 5:30pm



Join us for a special Songs of Praise where we can enjoy singing some of our favourite hymns as well as a glass (or two!) of Pimms.



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