



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 22nd September 2024 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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Rev'd Patrick Mabhunu is giving today's online sermon.
Watch on Facebook, YouTube or our website.

- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Matins
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Morning Prayer
- 10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Holy Communion

Tuesday

- 1:00pm Bereavement Café
5 Martens Road, Shrivenham

Wednesday

- 8:45am Song and Stories Toddler Group
Back Room, Shrivenham Methodist Church
- 10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group
12 Chapelwick Close, Shrivenham

Thursday

- 8:45am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
Shrivenham, St Andrew
- 6:00pm ASK Evening Prayer
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

Friday

- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 10:00am Coffee Morning in St Andrew's
- 2:30pm Tea-time Fellowship in St Mary's Longcot
- 3:15pm Bourton, St James. Pinewood Service

Sunday 29th September

- 10:30am Longcot, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Benefice Holy Communion with Choir

St Andrew's Church Prayer Tree



If anyone would like prayer, you will find a basket of paper leaves and pens near the Prayer Tree at the entrance to the Lady Chapel. Just write your request on a leaf and hang it on the tree. The ASK team pray these prayers at Evening Prayer on the last Thursday of every month.

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in
Odstone Farm & Cottages in Ashbury,
and Queen's Crescent in Shrivenham.

Coffee Morning in St Andrew's Church

Friday 27th September from 10am to noon

Feel free to bring your book, your knitting or stitching,
or just enjoy a chat with friends.

Tea-time Fellowship in St Mary's Longcot

Friday 27th September at 2:30pm

Everyone is welcome to join us as we enjoy a chat over
afternoon tea. There is no charge but contributions to
our chosen charity are always welcome.

Benefice Vacancy

We are still waiting to hear from the Lord Chancellor's
office, but we have not been advised of any problems
so are expecting an announcement very shortly.

A prayer for this time of transition

Faithful and loving God, we hold our Benefice
before you in this time of uncertainty.

Be with us in our waiting, in our expectation
and in our preparation as we seek our new Incumbent.

Be with our new incumbent as he or she also waits,
expects and prepares.

Bring us together in love for you and for this Benefice,
and be our light for the way ahead.

In Jesus' name, Amen

Talk on the Titanic – Postponed

Tom Arnold's talk on the Titanic which was to have taken place on Friday 27th September in St Mary's Church, Longcot has been postponed. A new date will be arranged in due course.

Saturday September 28th at 7pm St Mary's Church, Ashbury

Avebury Vocal Ensemble Autumn Concert

A varied programme with pieces from Gabriel Fauré, Gustav Holst and Thomas Wilbye as well as more modern and seasonal pieces by Wood, Kosma, Brown, and Andersson and Ulvaeus of Abba fame.

Tickets £12, available on the door or online via the Avebury Vocal Ensemble website at www.aveburyvocal.org

Wine and soft drinks will be available before the concert and during the interval.

In aid of St Mary's Church

St Andrew's Churchyard Maintenance Morning Saturday 5th October at 10am

Last year a group of workers got together to clear the brambles and nettles obscuring many of the graves in our churchyard. In order to keep on top of this work, we are going to reassemble on Saturday 5th October at 10am and we would love some new willing hands to make lighter work of it all. All you need are stout gloves, some clippers and enthusiasm! Newcomers to the village are especially welcome where you can get to know other locals. Questions to Diana Crockett 07790 660 389

Saturday 12th October at 6pm St Mary's Church, Longcot

The Torriano Ensemble Autumn Concert



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A programme of magnificent music featuring a large chamber ensemble of wind instruments with cello and double bass.

Overture and two arias from Don Giovanni
arr. for Wind Octet – Mozart

Petite Symphonie for Wind Nonet – Gounod

Serenade Op. 44 for 10 wind instruments,
cello and double bass – Dvorak

Admission free with a retiring collection.

All seats should be reserved in advance by email to victorialmedcalf@gmail.com

In aid of St Mary's Church and Longcot Village Trust

A Productive Morning at St Mary's



Thank you to those who spent their morning sorting, cleaning and mending our Ashbury altar frontals. We were lucky to have a beautiful day so we could hang them out in the sunshine to air.

Messy Church - Thursday 12th September

The theme for Messy Church was "I am the vine...."
We made pictures of grapes by printing with carrots, bookmarks, pipe cleaner vines with bead grapes, and decorated biscuits with vines made of icing.

