



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'



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## 22nd June 2025 First Sunday after Trinity

### Sunday 22nd June

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

### Wednesday

9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group  
Back room, Shrivenham Methodist Church  
 9:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom  
 3:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Thanksgiving Service – John Comley RIP  
 6:00pm PCC/FVT Meeting  
St Mary's Church, Longcot  
 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group  
St Andrew's Vicarage, Shrivenham

### Thursday

8:45am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's  
 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)  
 11:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
ASK Prayer Tree  
 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

### Friday

10:00am Coffee and Chat  
St Andrew's Church, Shrivenham

### Sunday 29th June

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

### Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in  
The Malthouses in Ashbury, and Farleigh Road  
in Shrivenham.

### Coffee & Chat in St Andrew's Church

Friday 27th June  
from 10am to 11:30am

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

### Pastoral Support

If you, or someone you know, would like a home visit  
(to receive Holy Communion for example), need to talk  
or ask for specific prayers, please do get in touch with  
Rev'd Patrick Mabhunu or Lucy Laird. Their contact  
details are at the top of the page.

### Thank You from Compton Beauchamp PCC



Our first official churchyard clean-up morning went extremely well. We had a team of 11, many of whom spent a couple of hours lopping branches off trees or pruning rose bushes. One helper painstakingly removed ivy from one of the stone crosses and another made a very good start on weeding around the edge of the church. All in all, a great effort and we as a PCC are very grateful to those that came along. It might even turn into an annual event.

### The Torriano Ensemble Summer Concert

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

The Torriano Ensemble will be joined by the harpist Eleanor Medcalf for a programme of relaxing music for flute, clarinet, harp and string quartet.

Ravel's Introduction and Allegro Op 46 is paired with a new work by Robert Spearing, 'Carmen Triptych', composed specifically as a companion piece for the Ravel and based on arias from Bizet's popular opera.

Also in the programme are the Andante from Mozart's Concerto for Flute and Harp, Robin Wedderburn's imaginative arrangement of folk songs from the British Isles, 'Rose, Leek, Thistle and Shamrock', and the much-loved classic, Massenet's Meditation from 'Thais'.

The programme ends in a lighter vein with 'In the Still of the Night' by Cole Porter arranged by Patsy Gritton.

Free admission with retiring collection, suggested donation £10 per person. No charge for students and children. Booking required in advance by email to [victorialmedcalf@gmail.com](mailto:victorialmedcalf@gmail.com)

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

## Ashbury Zimbabwean Weekend



### Saturday 19th July at 7pm in Ashbury Village Hall

Come and join our Vicar, his family and friends to learn about their life in Zimbabwe. The evening will include a question-and-answer session with Patrick and his family, a Zimbabwean meal with a typical squash drink, and Zimbabwean music and dance. A paid wine and beer bar will be available throughout the evening.

Tickets in advance at £10 per person (including the meal) from Maggie Simons on 01793 710801.

All proceeds to St Mary's Church, Ashbury

### Sunday 20th July at 11am in St Mary's Church

Everyone is welcome to join us for a traditional Zimbabwean Holy Communion service with musical accompaniment in the Zimbabwean tradition, led by Rev'd Patrick Mabhunu and Zimbabwean colleagues.

Some of the hymns and other music will be in the Shona language with English translations available.

### Revive on Sunday 15th June

Dancing in the aisles during the informal service with contemporary worship music led by a live band in St Andrew's Church Shrevenham.

Around 70 people attended, and we've had lots of positive feedback, so we hope to organise another service later in the year.

## Shrevenham Open Gardens

Sunday 6th July from 2pm until 5pm



### We need more gardens!

We now have just enough gardens for this popular annual fundraising event to go ahead, but a few more would be good. If you are willing to open your garden, please contact Julian Stevens on 01793 782065

Your garden does not have to be in pristine condition!  
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