



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## 13th July 2025 Fourth Sunday after Trinity

### Sunday 13th July

- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun  
Holy Communion (BCP)  
Patronal Festival of St Swithun
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Matins
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Morning Prayer
- 10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Morning Prayer
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Compline and Benediction

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

- 9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Morning Prayer
- 9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group  
Back room, Shrivenham Methodist Church
- 9:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group  
St Andrew's Vicarage, Shrivenham
- 6:00pm Longcot with Fernham PCC Meeting

### Thursday

- 8:45am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 3:15pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Messy Church
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

### Friday

- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Worship and Praise

### Saturday

- 8:30am Shrivenham Men's Breakfast  
The Barrington Arms
- 2:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas  
Baptism

### Sunday 20th July

- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Matins
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Holy Communion
- 10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Morning Prayer
- 11:00am Bourton, St James  
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Patronal Festival of St James  
Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)  
Zimbabwean Communion Service  
More information below.

### 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 Mabunu and Zimbabwean colleagues.

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

### Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Ashbury Hill in Ashbury, and Hazell's Lane in Shrivenham.

### Shrivenham Open Gardens

Thank you to all the gardeners, cake-makers, helpers and visitors who supported this event.

We raised £862 for St Andrew's Restoration Fund.



### Messy Church Thursday 17th July

3:15pm – 5pm

St Andrew's Church  
Shrivenham

Messy Church is a church with a difference!

A chance to be creative, hear Bible stories, eat yummy food and have fun with friends and family.

There is no charge to attend, but a minimum donation of £1.50 per child towards costs would be appreciated.

For more information or to book a space contact

[standfast.shrivenham@yahoo.com](mailto:standfast.shrivenham@yahoo.com)

**Messy Church is open to all.**



### Men's Breakfast – Saturday 19th July

8:30am in The Barrington Arms, Shrivenham

Please let David Ahern know by Wednesday 16th if you plan to attend. 07983 630 655 [davidmahern@gmail.com](mailto:davidmahern@gmail.com)

### Bottles Please!

The Bottle Tombola at Shrivenham Village Fete at the end of August is one of the major fund-raising events for St Andrew's Church General Fund.

**We need about 400 bottles to make this a success.**

David Watson is happy to receive bottles of any kind, but no cans or other containers please. He will collect from you if required, otherwise please deliver to the porch at 7 Claypits Lane Shrivenham.

01793 783405 or [davelizwatson@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:davelizwatson@tiscali.co.uk)

We are also looking for people to help with collecting bottles, and setting up and helping on the day.

### 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.