



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'



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## 10th August 2025 Eighth Sunday after Trinity

### Sunday 10th August

- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun  
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 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
- 1:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas  
Baptism

### **Midweek Online Services During August**

There will be no Tuesday or Thursday online morning services during August.

### Wednesday

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

### Friday

- 12 noon Shrivenham War Memorial  
VJ Day Commemoration

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Matins
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Morning Prayer
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Morning Prayer

### **Community Cycle of Prayer**

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Church Lane in Ashbury, and Lawrence Avenue in Shrivenham.

### **Lots More Bottles Please!**

The Bottle Tombola at Shrivenham Village Fete on Saturday 23rd August is one of the major fund-raising events for St Andrew's Church General Fund.



**With only 2 weeks to go before the Fete, we are still very short of the number of bottles we need 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.

### **VJ Day - Friday 15th August**

There will be a short commemoration at the War Memorial in St Andrew's Churchyard Shrivenham starting just before 12 noon. The Last Post will be sounded, and, following the two-minute silence at 12 noon, the Reveille. The Royal British Legion will then lay a wreath followed by prayers and the National Anthem.

### **A Date for Your Diary**

Autumn Concert  
St Mary's Church, Longcot  
Saturday 4th October  
More details to follow.

**Rev'd Patrick Mabhunu will be off duty from Monday 11th to Monday 18th August inclusive.**

For pastoral emergencies please call 01793 783519 or 07958 378 822

For other church enquiries please contact your local churchwarden or the Benefice Administrator.

**Cream Teas in Watchfield Village Hall**  
**Saturday 6th September from 2 – 4pm**



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Cream teas, raffle, cake stall, bring & buy stall.  
£5.00 per person (payable on the door)  
**In aid of St Thomas' Church**

**Wednesday Study Groups Summer Break**

The morning and evening study groups are taking a break and will restart in September.

**Songs & Stories and Baby & Toddler Group**

The groups that meet on Wednesday and Thursday mornings are taking a break until after the school summer holidays.

**RIDE + STRIDES**  
**for Churches 2025**

**OHCT Sponsored "Ride & Stride"**  
**Saturday 13th September**

This annual event raises much needed funds for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and our local churches, most of which have received generous grants from OHCT towards projects including bell restorations and the installation of kitchen and toilet facilities.

Participants are sponsored to walk, cycle, or drive around a number of churches and can nominate their own church to receive 50% of all the money they raise.

To find out more, please contact Tony Crabtree  
01793 784064 [tony.crabtree@talktalk.net](mailto:tony.crabtree@talktalk.net)  
or your own local coordinator.

**Can you help?**



The Songs and Stories group that meets in Shrivenham Methodist Church on a Wednesday morning (term time only) are in need of someone to help out. This will involve preparing fruit for the children and a hot drink for the carers (all supplied) from around 9.15 - 10.30 am.

It is on a rota basis about every 6 weeks.

If you can spare some time, please contact Pam Mullin.  
[pam.mullin2@btinternet.com](mailto:pam.mullin2@btinternet.com)