



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'



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31st August 2025 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 31 August

10:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)
Benefice Holy Communion

Wednesday 3rd September

9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group
Back room, Shrivenham Methodist Church
11:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & Facebook
ASK Holy Communion
6:00pm Benefice Wardens' Meeting
St Andrew's Vicarage

Thursday

9:00am Matins. Live on Facebook
6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

Saturday

10:00am Bourton, St James
Family Service

Sunday 7th September

7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)
9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion (BCP)
9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion
10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Family Service
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Holy Communion
5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Compline and Benediction

ASK Holy Communion in St Andrew's Wednesday 3rd September at 11am

The service lasts about 40 minutes and is followed by refreshments. If you would like to come along but struggle to get to church, please contact Pip Dudley and she will arrange for someone to collect you.
pipdudley50@gmail.com 01793 783481

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

Songs and Stories Toddler Group



Restarts on Wednesday 3rd September in the back room of Shrivenham Methodist Church

Action songs, nursery rhymes and stories for pre-school children and their carers. Every Wednesday (term-time only) at 9:15am Doors open at 8:45am for free play.

Tea and coffee are available and a healthy snack is provided for the children. No charge, but a donation towards the cost of drinks and snacks is appreciated.

Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Chris Openshaw. Please keep them in your prayers.



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
or your own local coordinator.

If you are able to spare some time to welcome visitors to St Andrew's, Shrivenham on the day, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for all who live and work in High Street in Ashbury, and Martens Road and Bowlers Green in Shrivenham.

Thank You from St Andrew's Church



A big thank you to everyone who contributed bottles for the Tombola at Shrivenham Village Fete and those who helped on the day. Having reached our target number of bottles, we raised £1,128 for church funds.

Baby and Toddler Group



**Restarts on Thursday 11th September
in St Andrew's Church, Shrivenham
at the new time of 9:30am – 11:30am**

All parents and carers with pre-school children are welcome, but please remember that you are at all times responsible for the children you bring along.

Only £1.50 per adult which includes refreshments, and snacks and craft activities for the children.

More information from Hazel Morris on 07931 225 530

Torriano Ensemble Autumn Concert Saturday 4th October at 6pm

St Mary's Church, Longcot

A relaxing and entertaining evening of music for wind octet and flute.

The concert opens with two wonderful works by Mozart, the Overture from the opera *Così fan tutte* and the masterful C Minor Serenade K. 488, alongside Beethoven's charming *Rondino*.

The second half includes the Prelude from Humperdink's popular opera *Hansel and Gretel*, Malcolm Arnold's witty take on three British sea shanties and an exuberant Slavonic Dance by Dvorak.

The church will be decorated with a display of seasonal flowers for St Mary's Harvest Festival.

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

St Andrew's Church Boiler Appeal

Our 45-year-old gas boiler has failed and cannot be repaired. Without replacing this now there is no viable way of heating the church this coming winter.

Thank you to everyone who delivered our appeal leaflets to all the households in Shrivenham.

We are very grateful to those who have already made generous donations, but we do still have a long way to go before we reach our target. For more information, please contact one of our Churchwardens.

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or Chris Taylor 07867 520824

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Like father, like son!

Rev'd Patrick had a great day out at Shrivenham Fete.



Shrivenham Bellringers at Shrivenham Fete

The ringers ran the Coconut Shy as usual, raising money for St Andrew's General Fund, and offered Tower Tours in aid of St Andrew's Restoration Fund.

Thank you to all those who helped on the day.

