



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## Sunday 26th May 2024 Trinity Sunday

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Rev'd Shannon Preston is giving today's online sermon.  
Watch on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or our [website](#).

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

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

8:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Morning Prayer

11:30am Longcot Churchyard  
Ashes Interment – James Larkin RIP

10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom

7:00pm Wednesday Study Group

12 Chapelwick Close, Shrivenham

### Thursday Corpus Christi

9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)

7:00pm Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion with the Benefice Choir

### Friday

9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)

2:30pm Tea-time Fellowship in St Mary's Longcot

### Saturday 1st June

10:00am Bourton, St James  
Family Service

### Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in  
Pound Piece in Ashbury, and Days Ground  
in Shrivenham.

### Songs & Stories and Baby & Toddler Group

The groups that meet on Wednesday and Thursday  
mornings are closed during the school half-term holiday.

### Welcome

Welcome to Angus Edward Melville Dinwiddie-Choat  
who was baptised on Saturday 18th May  
in St Andrew's Church Shrivenham.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Charlotte Knowles and  
Joshua Southwell who were married in St Andrew's  
Church Shrivenham on Saturday 18th May.

### St Andrew's Church Fete – Saturday 22nd June

In and around the Church from 2pm to 4pm.  
Tower tours, art exhibition, plant sale, craft & gift stalls,  
refreshments, cakes, raffle and more.

### In aid of Church Funds

### Sunday 2nd June

7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion (BCP)

9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Holy Communion (BCP) & [Facebook](#)

9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Holy Communion

10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Family Service

11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Holy Communion

### BeSpace Sponsored Prayer Walk

Rosy Taylor and the BeSpace team will be doing a  
sponsored prayer walk around Shrivenham on  
Monday 27th May starting at 10am.

The aim is to raise the profile of BeSpace and raise  
funds to enable them to continue their vision of  
enabling all schools in Oxfordshire to run a Prayer  
and Reflection Space.

To join the walk, email Rosy on [rosy@bespace.be](mailto:rosy@bespace.be)

To support this Christian Charity, please donate via  
[www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/sponsoredwalk2024](http://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/sponsoredwalk2024)



### Can You Help?

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.

Margaret Hern has organised this for many years but is  
stepping back now, so we're looking for a volunteer to  
take over. Please contact Margaret if you would like to  
know about what's involved. 01793 782100

### 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

### Car Boot Items Wanted!

We are looking to raise funds towards our running costs at St Swithun's Church, Compton Beauchamp.

Suitable items would be bric-a-brac, crockery, DVDs, books, toys, clothing in good condition etc.

All unsold items will be given to other charities.

Please contact Louise Slater [louise@louiseslater.net](mailto:louise@louiseslater.net) or Joanna Lambert [jrjlambert@aol.com](mailto:jrjlambert@aol.com).

### Midsummer Breeze

A varied programme of wind music featuring Winchester Winds, The Alegria Trio and friends.

**Saturday 29th June**

St Andrew's Church Shrivenham at 7:30pm

**Tickets £10 (Under 16s £5) on sale from 8th June**

Shrivenham Post Office

[restoration-project.eventbrite.com](http://restoration-project.eventbrite.com)

and on the door. Bar and Raffle

**In aid of St Andrew's Restoration Project**

### Shrivenham Open Gardens

Sunday 14th July from 2pm until 5pm



We're looking for gardens for this annual fundraising event in aid of St Andrew's Restoration Project. Your garden does not have to be in pristine condition! Please contact Julian Stevens on 01793 782065 if you would like your garden to be included.

### A Message from the Fergussons

Thank you to everyone who came to the service last Sunday or who sent messages of love and good wishes for our retirement. It was amazing to see everyone and to have the chance to talk. Thank you, too, for the many wonderful and thoughtful gifts. The clock is marking time for us, the map is on the wall, the photos of the choir are on the piano, but I won't let Richard play with the plasma ball until all the boxes are unpacked! Still in bossy vicar mode ... Seriously, we could not have asked for a better way to end our ministry in the Benefice, and (I hope) for you to mark the beginnings of new ministries among you - and for you when the new Incumbent is appointed. We will continue to pray for you and look forward to hearing how things progress. With blessings, as always, Norma & Richard

