



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 1st September 2024

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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There is no online sermon this week.

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- 8:45am Song and Stories Toddler Group
Back Room, Shrivenham Methodist Church
- 10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Funeral – Edna Day RIP
- 2:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
ASK Holy Communion

Thursday

- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

Saturday 7th

- 10:00am Bourton, St James
Family Service

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Idstone near Ashbury, and Mortree Court in Shrivenham

Sunday 8th September

- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Matins
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Morning Prayer
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Shrivenham Fete

A big thank you to everyone who donated bottles for the Tombola (396 in total), helped with selling tickets, and especially those brave and very wet people who helped to put up the stall in challenging conditions! We raised £1070 for St Andrew's general church funds.

Thank you also to the Bellringers who ran the Coconut Shy and Tower Tours, raising £193.50 for St Andrew's Restoration Project.

Saturday 7th September from 2 – 4pm Watchfield Village Hall



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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 4th September

Action songs, nursery rhymes and stories for pre-school children and their carers.

Every Wednesday (term-time only) at 9:15am in the back room of Shrivenham Methodist Church.

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 would be appreciated.

Benefice Vacancy

The Incumbent in our Benefice is appointed by the Lord Chancellor so neither we nor the Diocese can make any announcement until we have confirmation from that department.

RIDE + STRIDES for Churches 2024

OHCT Sponsored "Ride & Stride" Saturday 14th 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 or cycle around a number of churches and can nominate their own church to receive 50% of all the money they raise.

To find out more about taking part, or volunteer an hour to welcome visitors (particularly 10 & 11am, and 4 & 5pm in St Andrew's) please contact Tony Crabtree 01793 784064 tony.crabtree@talktalk.net

Baby and Toddler Group



Restarts on Thursday 12th September

The group meets in St Andrew's Church Shrivenham every Thursday (term-time only) from 8:45 - 10:45am.

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

Friday 27th September at 6pm St Mary's Church, Longcot

Tom Arnold will be giving a talk on the Titanic and will draw upon the links with both Longcot and Uffington.

More details to follow.

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

Saturday September 28th at 7pm St Mary's Church, Ashbury

Avebury Vocal Ensemble Autumn Concert

A varied programme with pieces from Gabriel Fauré, Gustav Holst and Thomas Wilbye as well as more modern and seasonal pieces by Wood, Kosma, Brown, and Andersson and Ulvaeus of Abba fame.

Tickets £12, available on the door or online via the Avebury Vocal Ensemble website at www.aveburyvocal.org

Wine and soft drinks will be available before the concert and during the interval.

In aid of St Mary's Church

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

Wednesday Study Groups

Both groups will restart on 11th September. The Zoom group meets at 10:30am, and the group that meets in person in Shrivenham starts at 7pm.

If you would like to join either group, please contact David Ahern

01793 783521 davidmahern@gmail.com

Sustainable Flower Arranging Workshop

Saturday 28th September at 10am
St Mary's Church Ashbury

Two places are now available for this two-hour flower arranging workshop focusing on creating a pedestal arrangement without using floral foam. The cost is £10.

To book a place, please contact Margaret Smith

mbsmith5@hotmail.co.uk

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

The Torriano Ensemble Autumn Concert



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A programme of magnificent music featuring a large chamber ensemble of wind instruments with cello and double bass.

Overture and two arias from Don Giovanni
arr. for Wind Octet – Mozart

Petite Symphonie for Wind Nonet – Gounod

Serenade Op. 44 for 10 wind instruments,
cello and double bass – Dvorak

Admission free with a retiring collection.

All seats should be reserved in advance by email to victorialmedcalf@gmail.com

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