



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## Sunday 15th September 2024 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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There is no online sermon this week.

- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Matins
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion
- 10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Morning Prayer
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Morning Prayer
- 2:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Baptism

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

- 8:45am Song and Stories Toddler Group  
Back Room, Shrivenham Methodist Church
- 10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group  
12 Chapelwick Close, Shrivenham

### Thursday

- 8:45am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's  
Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

### Friday

- 6:30pm Shrivenham Sports Pavilion  
Worship and Praise

### Saturday 21st

- 10:00am Bourton, St James  
Holy Communion

### **Community Cycle of Prayer**

Please pray this week for all who live and work in  
Malthouse Close in Ashbury, and  
Prince Drive in Shrivenham.

### Sunday 22nd September

- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun  
Matins
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Morning Prayer
- 10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
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### **Worship and Praise - Good News Evening**

Friday 20th September at 6:30 pm  
Shrivenham Sports Pavilion, Recreation Ground

Offering our local community a welcome break from  
the endless supply of difficult news and gloomy  
forecasts of all sorts. Good news is still available!



There will be new people to meet, live music from  
John and Julie Steventon, singing, fun and refreshments.

Those who have moved into the village in the last few  
years are *especially* welcome. Do come and join us!

### **Benefice Vacancy**

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

### **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

### **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](http://www.aveburyvocal.org)

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

**In aid of St Mary's Church**

### Thank You from St Thomas' Church Watchfield



Thank you to everyone who supported our Cream Tea afternoon by coming along to enjoy scones and cups of tea. Thanks also to all the helpers who baked, helped in the kitchen (or both), contributed raffle prizes and to the girls who waited at table.

Together with the raffle, cake stall and bring & buy, we raised £645 for church funds.

### Talk on the Titanic – Postponed

Tom Arnold's talk on the Titanic which was to have taken place on Friday 27th September in St Mary's Church, Longcot has been postponed. A new date will be arranged in due course.

### Longcot and Fernham C of E Primary School 150th Anniversary



Do call in at Longcot Church if you're passing and have a look at this interesting exhibition celebrating 150 years since the original school opened in 1874.

By 1945 the school building was in a poor state of repair and the school was threatened with closure. For over 20 years the problem was discussed and eventually a new school was built in the village, opening in 1969.

### 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](mailto:victorialmedcalf@gmail.com)

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