



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'



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## Sunday 29th September 2024 Michael and All Angels

### Sunday 29th September

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

### Tuesday 1st October

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  
 2:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
 ASK Holy Communion

7:00pm Wednesday Study Group  
 12 Chapelwick Close, Shrivenham

### Thursday

8:45am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's  
 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)  
 6:00pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

### Friday

3:15pm Bourton, St James. Pinewood Service

### Saturday

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 Raven Way in Shrivenham.

### Sunday 6th October Harvest

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

### **Our New Incumbent**

We're delighted that Rev'd Patrick Mabunu is to be our new Incumbent. We are waiting for a date for the special service of Institution, Induction and Installation at which he officially becomes our new Vicar.



### **A Message from Patrick**

I received the news of my appointment as the next Vicar of the Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice with great thrill and joy. My wife Priscilla, and the children all gave shouts of joy and happiness. We all sang in our hearts "To God be the glory, great things he hath done". Indeed "This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes". Psalm 118 v23

I would like to thank the Lord Chancellor, Patron of our Benefice, the Bishop of Dorchester, and your Parish representatives on the appointment panel for trusting and believing in me to take over from Rev'd Fergusson.

I have been in the Benefice as Associate Vicar for nearly a year, but the news of this appointment brings me new excitement, new energy, and new vision for the Benefice.

I am thankful to all the people in this Benefice who have helped me and my family settle in comfortably and we are happy to be a part of the Church family here.

I promise to dedicate my time to diligently serving the Lord and the people of this Benefice. I pray for wisdom and strength to guide and lead the Benefice to greater worship and knowledge of the Lord as we continue together to mirror the hospitality of God.

### **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.

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

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

### **St Andrew's Churchyard Maintenance Morning Saturday 5th October at 10am**

Last year a group of workers got together to clear the brambles and nettles obscuring many of the graves in our churchyard. In order to keep on top of this work, we are going to reassemble on Saturday 5th October at 10am and we would love some new willing hands to make lighter work of it all. All you need are stout gloves, some clippers and enthusiasm! Newcomers to the village are especially welcome where you can get to know other locals. Questions to Diana Crockett 07790 660 389

### Congratulations



Congratulations to Liz Vaughan and Lee Gratton who were married at St Thomas' Church Watchfield on Saturday 14th September.

### Welcome

Welcome to Sofia Rose Punchard who was baptised at St Andrew's Church Shrivenham on Sunday 15th September.

### Pastoral Support

If you, or someone you know, would like a home visit (to receive Holy Communion for example), need to talk or ask for specific prayers, please do get in touch with Rev'd Patrick Mabhunu 07471 434 276

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If you would like to make a text donation to support the work of the churches in our Benefice, please use the numbers below.

Text **GIVEfive** to **70470** to donate **£5**

Text **GIVETen** to **70470** to donate **£10**

Your standard text message rate applies. **Thank you!**

**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**

## VALE of WHITE HORSE DEANERY EVENSONG

**St Mary's Church, Buckland, OXON**  
**18:00 on 20 October 2024**  
(Guest Preacher *Rev'd Patrick Mabhunu*)

**All church choirs and local singers are  
invited to participate**

**Responses – Smith**  
**Psalm 104**  
**Canticles – Brewer in D**  
**Lord's Prayer – Stone**  
**Anthem – Ave verum (Elgar)**  
**Office hymn**

**Timetable:**  
**14:45 Arrive (with robes) & register**  
**15:00 Practice**  
**16:00 Break**  
**16:15 Practice**  
**17:15 Tea/cake**  
**18:00 Service**

Please contact Bernard Martin ([info@oxrecs.com](mailto:info@oxrecs.com)) 01865 862310  
or Claire Hartley ([chartley.music@gmail.com](mailto:chartley.music@gmail.com))  
to pre-register and for links to sheet music details.