



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'



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Sunday 20th October 2024 Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

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

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
9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
1:15pm Longcot, St Mary
School Harvest Festival Services
6:00pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

Friday

9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
10:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Coffee & Chat – more information below

Saturday 26th

2:00pm Wedding – Shrivenham, St Andrew
Rachel Messenger & Gordon Ryan

Sunday 27th October Bible Sunday

10:30am Fernham, St John & [Facebook](#)
Benefice Holy Communion with Choir
led by The Venerable David Tyler,
Archdeacon of Dorchester

Induction and Installation of Rev'd Patrick Mabunu as Vicar of the Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

Wednesday 6th November at 7pm
in St Andrew's Church, Shrivenham
followed by refreshments and finger buffet.

Everyone welcome.

We would welcome contributions to the finger buffet
from across the Benefice. So that we have an idea of
what is being provided, please can you let Pip Dudley
know what you are proposing to bring.

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Congratulations

Congratulations to Claire Hartley who Bishop Gavin
welcomed into the Fellowship of St Birinus at a special
service in Dorchester Abbey on Sunday 13th October.



This award is given to people who have given
exceptional service in some way or other to their
church and community over a number of years.

Claire's citation reads

"With thanksgiving for your service to God and
the Shrivenham & Ashbury Benefice in directing
the Benefice Choir – a role which includes composing,
arranging, conducting and teaching – with huge
enthusiasm and dedication."

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in
Walnut Trees Hill in Ashbury, & Sandhill in Shrivenham.

Vale of White Horse Deanery Choral Evensong

Sunday 20th October at 6pm
St Mary's Church, Buckland

The Shrivenham & Ashbury Benefice Choir and the
choir of St Mary's Buckland invite you to join them
for Deanery Choral Evensong.

Guest Preacher - Rev'd Patrick Mabunu
All are welcome to attend the service.

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 Mabunu or Lucy Laird.
Their contact details are at the top of the page.

Coffee & Chat

St Andrew's Church Shrivenham
Friday 25th October from 10am to noon

Feel free to bring your book, your knitting or stitching, or just enjoy a chat with friends. All welcome.

A Time of Reflection and Remembrance Sunday 3rd November – St Andrew's, Shrivenham

Service at 5pm

The church will be open from 3:30pm until 6pm for anyone who wishes to come, be still and light a votive candle. At 5pm, the Benefice Choir will join us for a service of Remembrance for those we have loved and lost which will also include the opportunity to light a candle. If you are unable to attend but would like to have a candle lit on your behalf, please let us know.

If you would like to have the name of a loved one recorded in the Book of Remembrance that is on display in the Lady Chapel in St Andrew's Church, please contact the Benefice Administrator (Lucy Laird).

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Their service does not have to have taken place in St Andrew's for their name to be included.

Messy Church

We continued our "I am..." theme this month with "I am the true light". We made light houses out of cups, sparkly sun catchers which reflect light, glow stick light bulbs, a lantern collage and candle cakes.



Launch of West Vale Mobility

West Vale Mobility was officially launched on Thursday 10th October at Shrivenham Bowls Club.



Photo: Margaret Andrews

Rev'd Patrick Mabunu came along to bless the wheelchair accessible vehicle which was funded by OCC. Residents of Shrivenham, Watchfield, Longcot, Ashbury and Bourton will be able to book the vehicle to take them to medical and well-being appointments in the five villages and Swindon.

Bookings should be made a minimum of five working days in advance of the journey by emailing bookings.westvalemobility@gmail.com

Please ask a friend or relative to make the booking or contact Elm Tree Surgery if you do not use the internet.