The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice
'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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29th June 2025 Second Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 29th June

10:30am	Longcot, St Mary & Facebook
	Benefice Holy Communion with Choir

Please note that St Andrew's Church will be closed on Monday 30th June and Tuesday 1st July to allow exclusive access for pupils attending Prayer Space.

Wednesday 2nd July

9:15am	Song and Stories Toddler Group
	Back room, Shrivenham Methodist Church
9:30am	Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
11:00am	Shrivenham, St Andrew & Facebook
	ASK Holy Communion
7:00pm	Wednesday Study Group
	St Andrew's Vicarage, Shrivenham

Thursday

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

Saturday

9:30am	Bourton, St James
	Pinewood School Leavers' Service

Sunday 6th July

7:45am	Shrivenham, St Andrew
	Holy Communion (BCP)
9:30am	Watchfield, St Thomas & Facebook
	Holy Communion (BCP)
	Patronal Festival of St Thomas
9:30am	Longcot, St Mary
	Holy Communion
10:30am	Shrivenham, St Andrew
	Family Service
11:00am	Ashbury, St Mary
	Holy Communion

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Walnut Trees Hill in Ashbury, and Friar's Close and Forrest Close in Shrivenham.

Refreshments for Open Gardens - Can You Help?

We need cakes and people to help serve refreshments for this annual fundraising event. If you are able to help, please contact Julian Stevens on 01793 782065

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 or Lucy Laird.

Shrivenham Open Gardens
Sunday 6th July from 2pm until 5pm

Map and list of gardens £5.00 per person from Shrivenham Post Office in advance, or St Andrew's Church and open gardens on the day.

Refreshments in St Andrew's during the afternoon.

In aid of St Andrew's Church Restoration Project

The Torriano Ensemble Summer Concert
Saturday 12th July at 6 pm
St Mary's Church, Longcot

The Torriano Ensemble will be joined by the harpist Eleanor Medcalf for a programme of relaxing music for flute, clarinet, harp and string quartet.

Ravel's Introduction and Allegro Op 46 is paired with a new work by Robert Spearing, 'Carmen Triptych', composed specifically as a companion piece for the Ravel and based on arias from Bizet's popular opera.

Also in the programme are the Andante from Mozart's Concerto for Flute and Harp, Robin Wedderburn's imaginative arrangement of folk songs from the British Isles, 'Rose, Leek, Thistle and Shamrock', and the much-loved classic, Massanet's Meditation from 'Thais'.

The programme ends in a lighter vein with 'In the Still of the Night' by Cole Porter arranged by Patsy Gritton.

Free admission with retiring collection, suggested donation £10 per person. No charge for students and children. Booking required in advance by email to victorialmedcalf@gmail.com

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

Ashbury Zimbabwean Weekend

Saturday 19th July at 7pm
in Ashbury Village Hall

Come and join our Vicar, his family and friends to learn about their life in Zimbabwe. The evening will include a question-and-answer session with Patrick and his family, a Zimbabwean meal with a typical squash drink, and Zimbabwean music and dance. A paid wine and beer bar will be available throughout the evening.

Tickets in advance at £10 per person (including the meal) from Maggie Simons on 01793 710801.
All proceeds to St Mary's Church, Ashbury

Sunday 20th July at 11am
in St Mary's Church

Everyone is welcome to join us for a traditional Zimbabwean Holy Communion service with musical accompaniment in the Zimbabwean tradition, led by Rev'd Patrick Mabhunu and Zimbabwean colleagues.

Some of the hymns and other music will be in the Shona language with English translations available.

Map: Nations Online Project