



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'



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6th July 2025 Third Sunday after Trinity

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- 9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Morning Prayer
- 9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group
Back room, Shrivenham Methodist Church
- 9:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group
St Andrew's Vicarage, Shrivenham
- 7:00pm Ashbury PCC Meeting

Thursday

- 8:45am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

Saturday

- 9:00am Café Inspire
Shrivenham Sports Pavilion
- 1:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Wedding
Georgina Baldwin and Nicholas Spencer

Sunday 13th July

- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Holy Communion (BCP)
Patronal Festival of St Swithun
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Matins
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Morning Prayer
- 10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Morning Prayer
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Compline and Benediction

Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Richard Holcombe. Please keep them in your prayers.

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, Massenet'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.

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Wixes Piece in Ashbury, and Gealer Grove and Longcot Road in Shrivenham.

Bottles Please!

The Bottle Tombola at Shrivenham Village Fete at the end of August is one of the major fund-raising events for St Andrew's Church General Fund.



We need about 400 bottles to make this a success.

David Watson is happy to receive bottles of any kind, but no cans or other containers please. He will collect from you if required, otherwise please deliver to the porch at 7 Claypits Lane Shrivenham.

01793 783405 or davelizwatson@tiscali.co.uk

We are also looking for people to help with collecting bottles, and setting up and helping on the day.

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.

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.