



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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20th July 2025 Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 20th July

- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Matins
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion
- 10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Morning Prayer
- 11:00am Bourton, St James
Holy Communion
Patronal Festival of St James
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Zimbabwean Communion Service
More information below.
- 6:00pm Eaton Hastings, St Michael and All Angels
Choral Evensong

The Benefice Choir is joining the local singers for this service. You are welcome to come along.

Monday

- 9:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew
School Leavers' Service
- 2:00pm Longcot, St Mary
School Leavers' Service

Tuesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 11:00am Longcot, St Mary
Funeral – Richard Holcombe RIP

Wednesday

- 9:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group
St Andrew's Vicarage, Shrivenham

Thursday

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

Friday

- 10:00am Coffee and Chat in St Andrew's

Saturday

- 10:30am Compton Beauchamp PCC Meeting

Sunday 27th July

- 10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Benefice Holy Communion with Choir

Ashbury Zimbabwean Weekend



Saturday 19th July at 7pm in Ashbury Village Hall

**All the tickets for Saturday evening have been sold.
All are welcome in church on Sunday!**

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.

Appointment of Associate Vicar

The Rev'd Dr Janet Anderson-Mackenzie will be licensed as Associate Vicar of our Benefice at 7:30pm on Wednesday 17th September in St Mary's Longcot.

Songs & Stories and Baby & Toddler Group

The groups that meet on Wednesday and Thursday mornings are taking a break until after the school summer holidays.

Can you help?



The Songs and Stories group that meets in Shrivenham Methodist Church on a Wednesday morning (term time only) are in need of someone to help out. This will involve preparing fruit for the children and a hot drink for the carers (all supplied) from around 9.15 - 10.30 am.

It is on a rota basis about every 6 weeks.

If you can spare some time, please contact Pam Mullin.

pam.mullin2@btinternet.com

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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Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Berrycroft in Ashbury, and Hicks Close and Pound Close in Shrivenham.

**Coffee & Chat in St Andrew's Church
Friday 25th July from 10am to 11:30am**

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

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.

The Torriano Ensemble Summer Concert

St Mary's Church Longcot was packed for this wonderful concert featuring harpist Eleanor Medcalf. A good sum was raised for the church and Longcot Village Trust.



Messy Church in St Andrew's

The theme this month was 'Beaches'. Our story was Jesus preparing a breakfast b-b-q on the beach. We made Pom-pom ice cream, octopus, jelly fish, boats and sea-themed bunting.

