



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'



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17th August 2025 Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 17th August

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

Midweek Online Services During August

There will be no Tuesday or Thursday
online morning services during August.

Sunday 24th August

9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Matins
9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Matins
9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion
10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Morning Prayer
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Rev'd Patrick Mabhunu will be back on duty on Tuesday 19th August.

In the meantime, for pastoral emergencies please call
01793 783519 or 07958 378 822

For other church enquiries please contact your
local churchwarden or the Benefice Administrator.

Commemorative Ringing for VJ Day

The bells rang out at Shrivenham and Longcot on Friday
15th August to mark the 80th anniversary of VJ Day.



Photo: Jonathan Wright

The band that rang a Quarter Peal at Shrivenham.

We Still Need More Bottles Please!

The Bottle Tombola at Shrivenham Village Fete on
Saturday 23rd August is one of the major fund-raising
events for St Andrew's Church General Fund.



**With only 1 week to go, we are still very short of the
number of bottles we need to make this a success.**

Please deliver them to the porch at 7 Claypits Lane
Shrivenham by Thursday 21st at the very latest
so that we have time to label them.

David Watson will collect from you if required.
01793 783405 or davelizwatson@tiscali.co.uk

Tower Tours – St Andrew's Church, Shrivenham

Saturday 23rd August

3 – 4:30pm weather permitting

Climb the tower, see the bells, and enjoy the views
across the village from the roof.

Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
Suggested minimum donation: £2 adults, £1 under 18s

In aid of St Andrew's Restoration Fund

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jade Jones and Joel Morrison-Clarke
who were married at St Andrew's Church, Shrivenham
on Saturday 9th August.

Welcome

Welcome to Archie Shelmerdine-Hare who
was baptised on Sunday 10th August at
St Thomas' Church, Watchfield.

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for all who live and work in College Farm Lane in Ashbury, and Manor Close and Manor Lane in Shrivenham.

**Cream Teas in Watchfield Village Hall
Saturday 6th September from 2 – 4pm**



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Cream teas, raffle, cake stall, bring & buy stall.
£5.00 per person (payable on the door)
In aid of St Thomas' Church

**RIDE+STRIDES
for Churches 2025**

**OHCT Sponsored "Ride & Stride"
Saturday 13th September**

This annual event raises much needed funds for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and our local churches, most of which have received generous grants from OHCT towards projects including bell restorations and the installation of kitchen and toilet facilities.

Participants are sponsored to walk, cycle, or drive around a number of churches and can nominate their own church to receive 50% of all the money they raise.

To find out more, please contact Tony Crabtree
01793 784064 tony.crabtree@talktalk.net
or your own local coordinator.

**Torriano Ensemble Autumn Concert
Saturday 4th October at 6pm**

St Mary's Church, Longcot

A relaxing and entertaining evening of music for wind octet and flute, featuring works by Mozart, Beethoven, Humperdink, Malcolm Arnold and Dvorak.

The church will be decorated with a display of seasonal flowers for the St. Mary's Harvest Festival.

Admission free with a retiring collection.

All seats should be reserved in advance by email to
victorialmedcalf@gmail.com

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

St Andrew's Church Prayer Tree



If anyone would like prayer, you will find a basket of assorted labels and pens near the Prayer Tree at the entrance to the Lady Chapel. Just write your request on a label and hang it on the tree.
The ASK team pray these prayers at 11:30am on the last Thursday of every month.

Thanks Dickie!



Dickie Green painting Ashbury Churchyard gates after several days of preparatory work.