



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

‘Mirroring the hospitality of God’

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28th September 2025 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 28th September

10:30am Fernham, St John & [Facebook](#)
Benefice Holy Communion with Choir
Fernham Harvest Festival

Monday

6:30pm Rock Solid Youth Club
Shrivenham Methodist Church

Tuesday

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
11:00am Bereavement Café
5 Martens Road, Shrivenham

Wednesday 1st October

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

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

Saturday

10:00am Bourton, St James
Family Harvest Service

Sunday 5th October Harvest

7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)
9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion (BCP)
9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion
10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Joint Harvest Service with the Methodists
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Holy Communion
5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Compline and Benediction

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in
Malthouse Close in Ashbury, and Queen's Crescent
in Shrivenham.

Condolences

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

A Message from Janet

Ian and I would like to say a big thank you to everyone
for the warm welcome to the Benefice and especially
to those who worked so hard to make the licensing
service such a fantastic evening.

We are settling into our new house and enjoying
exploring the local area. I am so pleased to have started
work with Patrick and the team here in the Benefice.

I have already been into each of the schools for
collective worship, been to Messy Church in Shrivenham
and led services in Longcot and Ashbury.

My usual working days are Sunday, Wednesday and
Thursday, and I'm looking forward to meeting you all
over the next few weeks.

ASK Holy Communion in St Andrew's

Wednesday 1st October at 11am

The service lasts about 40 minutes and is followed by
refreshments. If you would like to come along but
struggle to get to church, please contact Pip Dudley and
she will arrange for someone to collect you.

pipdudley50@gmail.com 01793 783481

St Andrew's Church Boiler Appeal

Although we're not quite there yet, we are close enough
to our target of £28K to confirm that the work to replace
the boiler will commence on 20th October.

In the meantime, we have got our very small backup
boiler working which will provide a little warmth.

For more information,
please contact one of our Churchwardens.

David Watson 01793 783405

or Chris Taylor 07867 520824

shrivenhamchurchwarden@outlook.com

Bereavement Café

Tuesday 30th September at 11am

5 Martens Road, Shrivenham

A small, informal group for anyone who has been
bereaved. A safe and confidential place to share our
stories if we so wish, and to support each other.

We meet at 11am on the last Tuesday of the month.

All are welcome and there is no charge.

Rose-Anne is a bereavement worker with over 20 years
of experience – please contact her if you would like
more information about the group.

roseanne.o@outlook.com 01793 784017

**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.

The concert opens with two wonderful works by Mozart,
the Overture from the opera *Così fan tutte*
and the masterful C Minor Serenade K. 488, alongside
Beethoven's charming Rondino.

The second half includes the Prelude from Humperdink's
popular opera *Hansel and Gretel*, Malcolm Arnold's witty
take on three British sea shanties and an exuberant
Slavonic Dance by Dvorak.

The church will be decorated with a display of seasonal
flowers for 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 Restoration Project Update

The stonemasons are making good progress with
carving the various parts required for the repairs to the
windows. They hope to start installing them next week.



Jazz-in' Shrivenham



**Sat 4th October Barrington Arms
Noon-11pm St Andrew's Church**

Nigel Price Organ Trio

Catherine Sykes

Nat Steele Quintet

Dave Newton & Alan Barnes

Ducarto Gypsy Jazz

Jam Session

Tickets: £30

Booking from

Web-site: jazzinshrivenham.org

jazzinshrivenham@gmail.com

or text 07828141813

Food & bars all day

The Alpha Course in Shrivenham

Alpha is a series of group
conversations that freely explore
the basics of the Christian faith in
an open, friendly environment.

Everyone's welcome.

No matter your background or
beliefs, you're invited.



Tuesday Evening Alpha

St Andrew's and the Methodist Church in Shrivenham
will be running an evening course, starting at 7pm, in the
Methodist Church, running from the 14th October each
Tuesday evening. There will be a meal, provided by the
churches prior to the start of each meeting.

More information from Jane Ahern

thestable@protonmail.com

Thursday Morning Alpha

Morning Alpha will be a ladies group running from the
16th October each Thursday morning from 10:45am to
12:30pm. Refreshments will be provided during the
meeting. For more information or to join the group,

please contact Lou Ashford louashford231@gmail.com

or Elaine Boyd elaine.boyd1@outlook.com