



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'



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## Sunday 29th September 2024 Michael and All Angels

### Sunday 29th September

10:30am Longcot, St Mary & [Facebook](#)  
Benefice Holy Communion with Choir

### Tuesday 1st October

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

### Wednesday

8:45am Song and Stories Toddler Group  
Back Room, Shrivenham Methodist Church

10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom  
2:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
ASK Holy Communion

7:00pm Wednesday Study Group  
12 Chapelwick Close, Shrivenham

### Thursday

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

### Friday

3:15pm Bourton, St James. Pinewood Service

### Saturday

10:00am Bourton, St James  
Family Service

### **Community Cycle of Prayer**

Please pray this week for all who live and work in  
Pound Piece in Ashbury, and Raven Way in Shrivenham.

### Sunday 6th October Harvest

7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion (BCP)

9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Holy Communion (BCP)

9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Holy Communion

10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Family Service

11:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion

5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Compline and Benediction

### **Our New Incumbent**

We're delighted that Rev'd Patrick Mabunu is to be our new Incumbent. We are waiting for a date for the special service of Institution, Induction and Installation at which he officially becomes our new Vicar.



### **A Message from Patrick**

I received the news of my appointment as the next Vicar of the Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice with great thrill and joy. My wife Priscilla, and the children all gave shouts of joy and happiness. We all sang in our hearts "To God be the glory, great things he hath done". Indeed "This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes". Psalm 118 v23

I would like to thank the Lord Chancellor, Patron of our Benefice, the Bishop of Dorchester, and your Parish representatives on the appointment panel for trusting and believing in me to take over from Rev'd Fergusson.

I have been in the Benefice as Associate Vicar for nearly a year, but the news of this appointment brings me new excitement, new energy, and new vision for the Benefice.

I am thankful to all the people in this Benefice who have helped me and my family settle in comfortably and we are happy to be a part of the Church family here.

I promise to dedicate my time to diligently serving the Lord and the people of this Benefice. I pray for wisdom and strength to guide and lead the Benefice to greater worship and knowledge of the Lord as we continue together to mirror the hospitality of God.

### **Saturday September 28th at 7pm St Mary's Church, Ashbury**

Avebury Vocal Ensemble Autumn Concert

A varied programme with pieces from Gabriel Fauré, Gustav Holst and Thomas Wilbye as well as more modern and seasonal pieces by Wood, Kosma, Brown, and Andersson and Ulvaeus of Abba fame.

Tickets £12, available on the door.

Wine and soft drinks will be available before the concert and during the interval.

**In aid of St Mary's Church**

### **St Andrew's Churchyard Maintenance Morning Saturday 5th October at 10am**

Last year a group of workers got together to clear the brambles and nettles obscuring many of the graves in our churchyard. In order to keep on top of this work, we are going to reassemble on Saturday 5th October at 10am and we would love some new willing hands to make lighter work of it all. All you need are stout gloves, some clippers and enthusiasm! Newcomers to the village are especially welcome where you can get to know other locals. Questions to Diana Crockett 07790 660 389

### Congratulations



Congratulations to Liz Vaughan and Lee Gratton who were married at St Thomas' Church Watchfield on Saturday 14th September.

### Welcome

Welcome to Sofia Rose Punchard who was baptised at St Andrew's Church Shrivenham on Sunday 15th September.

### 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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If you would like to make a text donation to support the work of the churches in our Benefice, please use the numbers below.

Text **GIVEfive** to **70470** to donate **£5**

Text **GIVETen** to **70470** to donate **£10**

Your standard text message rate applies. **Thank you!**

**Saturday 12th October at 6pm**  
**St Mary's Church, Longcot**

The Torriano Ensemble Autumn Concert



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A programme of magnificent music featuring a large chamber ensemble of wind instruments with cello and double bass.

Overture and two arias from Don Giovanni  
arr. for Wind Octet – Mozart

Petite Symphonie for Wind Nonet – Gounod  
Serenade Op. 44 for 10 wind instruments,  
cello and double bass – Dvorak

Admission free with a retiring collection.

All seats should be reserved in advance by email to  
[victorialmedcalf@gmail.com](mailto:victorialmedcalf@gmail.com)

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

## VALE of WHITE HORSE DEANERY EVENSONG

**St Mary's Church, Buckland, OXON**  
**18:00 on 20 October 2024**  
(Guest Preacher *Rev'd Patrick Mabhunu*)

**All church choirs and local singers are  
invited to participate**

**Responses – Smith**

**Psalm 104**

**Canticles – Brewer in D**

**Lord's Prayer – Stone**

**Anthem – Ave verum (Elgar)**

**Office hymn**

**Timetable:**

**14:45 Arrive (with robes) & register**

**15:00 Practice**

**16:00 Break**

**16:15 Practice**

**17:15 Tea/cake**

**18:00 Service**

Please contact Bernard Martin ([info@oxrecs.com](mailto:info@oxrecs.com)) 01865 862310  
or Claire Hartley ([chartley.music@gmail.com](mailto:chartley.music@gmail.com))  
to pre-register and for links to sheet music details.

## COLLECT

Everlasting God,  
you have ordained and constituted  
the ministries of angels and mortals  
in a wonderful order:  
grant that as your holy angels always  
serve you in heaven,  
so, at your command,  
they may help and defend us on  
earth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our  
Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING

Either **Genesis 28:10-17**

*A reading from the book of Genesis.*

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place – and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Or **Revelation 12:7-12**

*A reading from the book of Revelation.*

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels

fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world – he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

**PSALM Psalm 103:19-end**

**R** *Bless the Lord, you angels of his.*

The Lord has set his throne in heaven, and his kingship has dominion over all.

Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, and hearken to the voice of his word. **R**

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will. Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul. **R**

## SECOND READING

Either **Hebrews 1:5-end**

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.*

To which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre

of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end." But to which of the angels has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"? Are not all angels spirits in the divine service, sent to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

Or **Revelation 12:7-12**

## GOSPEL John 1:47-end

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you come to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

## POST COMMUNION

Lord of heaven,  
in this eucharist you have brought us  
near to an innumerable company of  
angels  
and to the spirits of the saints made  
perfect:  
as in this food of our earthly  
pilgrimage we have shared their  
fellowship,  
so may we come to share their joy in  
heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



In the **GOSPEL TODAY**

## Helping hands

In this hand draw yourself using your hands to help someone.



Jesus says that anyone who is doing good things is doing his work. We must not persuade people to do anything wrong but must use every part of ourselves to do what is right.

## Maze

Here is Emily. She wants to follow Jesus and live a good life.

Can you help her stay on the right path? Don't lead her astray!

**DO RIGHT!**



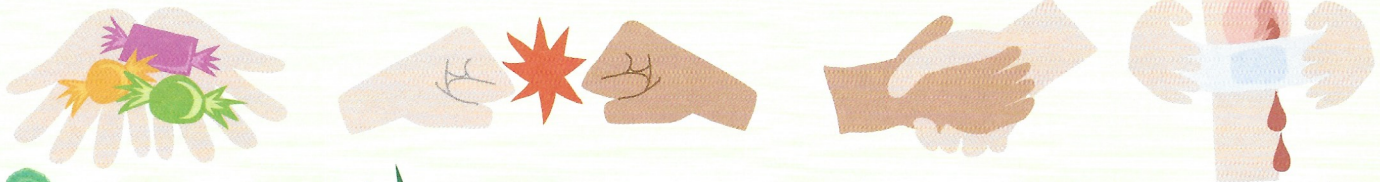
## Which does not belong?

In the Gospel Jesus says that our hands might do something wrong.

Here are some pictures of hands doing different things.

Some hands are helping hands.

Cross out any hands which are doing something wrong.



## A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me, Jesus, to show that God is good. Help me to use every part of me to share your love with others. Amen.

## Word search

A word search. Find these words; **GOD IS GOOD**

Q	I	I	P	B	Q	T	P	G	G
W	S	T	M	D	B	G	X	W	D
V	K	R	O	S	X	R	O	K	S
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