



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 8th September 2024

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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There is no online sermon this week.

- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 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

Tuesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 1:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas
Funeral – Gillian Skerry

Wednesday

- 8:45am Song and Stories Toddler Group
Back Room, Shrivenham Methodist Church
- 9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Morning Prayer
- 10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
- 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](#)
- 10:00am Ashbury, St Mary [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 3:15pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Messy Church
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

Saturday 14th

- 10:00am Café Inspire
Shrivenham Sports Pavilion
- 2:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas – Wedding
Elizabeth Vaughan & Lee Gratton

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in
Kingstone Winslow near Ashbury, and
Northford Close in Shrivenham

Sunday 15th September

- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Matins
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Morning Prayer
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Morning Prayer
- 2:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Baptism



OHCT Sponsored "Ride & Stride" Saturday 14th 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 or cycle around a number of churches and can nominate their own church to receive 50% of all the money they raise.

To find out more about taking part, or volunteer an hour to welcome visitors (particularly 10 & 11am, and 4 & 5pm in St Andrew's) please contact Tony Crabtree
01793 784064 tony.crabtree@talktalk.net

Baby and Toddler Group



Restarts on Thursday 12th September

The group meets in St Andrew's Church Shrivenham every Thursday (term-time only) from 8:45 - 10:45am.

All parents and carers with pre-school children are welcome, but please remember that you are at all times responsible for the children you bring along.

Only £1.50 per adult which includes refreshments, and snacks and craft activities for the children.

More information from Hazel Morris on 07931 225 530

Wednesday Study Groups

Both groups will restart on 11th September. The Zoom group meets at 10:30am, and the group that meets in person in Shrivenham starts at 7pm.

If you would like to join either group, please contact David Ahern
01793 783521 davidmahern@gmail.com

Talk on the Titanic – Postponed

Tom Arnold's talk on the Titanic which planned for Friday 27th September in St Mary's Church, Longcot has been postponed. A new date will be arranged in due course.

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 or online via the Avebury Vocal Ensemble website at www.aveburyvocal.org

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

In aid of St Mary's Church

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

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

Sustainable Flower Arranging Workshop

Saturday 28th September at 10am
St Mary's Church Ashbury

Two places are now available for this two-hour flower arranging workshop focusing on creating a pedestal arrangement without using floral foam. The cost is £10.

To book a place, please contact Margaret Smith
mbsmith5@hotmail.co.uk

Thank You from St Swithun's Church Compton Beauchamp



A huge thank you to all of you who so generously donated items for our car boot sales.

Joanna and I joined the community of 'car boot sellers' on 2 occasions this summer; one in Lacock and the other in Calne. As we had amassed a horsebox full of items there had been a few sessions of trying to organize everything into meaningful piles. This in itself was a mammoth job. Then there was the loading up of the horsebox, the unloading at the venue and the re-loading of the unsold items. The unsold items from the Lacock event were then taken to Calne.

Unsold items from Calne were taken directly to the Cancer Research shop at Greenbridge.

So everything will have made a difference either to our church's finances or to Cancer Research – thank you to you all. We made nearly £600 in total across the two events which will help towards the running costs of our church. Louise Slater (Treasurer)

Benefice Vacancy

Our Incumbent is appointed by the Lord Chancellor so neither we nor the Diocese can make any announcement until we have confirmation from that department.

A prayer for this time of transition

Faithful and loving God, we hold our Benefice before you in this time of uncertainty.

Be with us in our waiting, in our expectation and in our preparation as we seek our new Incumbent.

Be with our new incumbent as he or she also waits, expects and prepares.

Bring us together in love for you and for this Benefice, and be our light for the way ahead.

In Jesus' name, Amen