



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## Sunday 25th September 2022

**Please do not come into church if you think you may have symptoms of Covid 19.**

Please respect the concerns of others in the congregation. Hand sanitizer is available.

### Sunday 25th September

Padre Phil Craven is giving today's online sermon. Watch on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or our [website](#) from 9am.

11:00am Fernham, St John & [Facebook](#)  
Benefice Holy Communion for Harvest with the Choir

### Tuesday

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)  
1:00pm Bereavement Café. St Andrew's Vicarage

### Wednesday

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)  
9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group  
Shrivenham Methodist Church  
10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom  
7:00pm Wednesday Study Group  
St Andrew's Vicarage

### Thursday

9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's  
9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)  
3:15pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Messy Church  
6:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
ASK Evening Prayer  
6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

### Friday

9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)  
1:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Shrivenham School Harvest Service  
7:00pm The Space. Shrivenham, St Andrew  
**More information opposite**

### Saturday 1st October

10:00am Bourton, St James.  
Family Service for Harvest  
2:00pm Harvest Fayre, Flower Festival  
and Open Tower  
Shrivenham, St Andrew

### St Andrew's Harvest Fayre – Can You Help?

If you are able to help on the day or can donate items for the various stalls (cakes, raffle, bric-a-brac, gifts, books, refreshments etc.) please contact Marilyn Jeans. 01793 782508

### Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Walnut Trees Hill in Ashbury, and Sandy Lane in Shrivenham.

## Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

### Sunday 2nd October Harvest

7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion (BCP)  
9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun  
Holy Communion (BCP) for Harvest  
9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Holy Communion by Extension for Harvest  
10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew.  
Family Harvest Service with Baptism  
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary.  
Morning Prayer for Harvest  
3:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)  
Harvest Songs of Praise  
followed by Communion  
3:00pm Longcot Methodist Chapel  
United Service  
5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Compline and Benediction



**The Space**  
Friday 30th September  
7pm  
St Andrew's Church  
Shrivenham

An hour of beautiful music and reflective quietness with Epiphany, an ensemble of professional musicians.  
Free admission.

### Harvest Fayre, Flower Festival and Tower Tours

Saturday 1st October from 2 – 4pm in St Andrew's  
In aid of general church funds  
Lots of stalls including a raffle, cakes, books & games, cards and the chance to win a box of bottles.  
Paintings by Chitra Madhavan (in aid of St Andrew's Restoration Fund).  
Climb the tower, see the bells and enjoy the view from the top! Children under 16 must be supervised by an adult and be able to climb ladders. Flip-flops are not suitable footwear for climbing the tower.

### Living in Love and Faith

Starting on Saturday 8th October at 2pm  
St Andrew's Vicarage

A five-week Church of England course which aims to help Christians think more deeply about what it means to be human, exploring Christian teaching and learning about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage.  
More information from Norma  
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### Flower Workshop at Longcot Community Hub



Thank you to Shirley Dalton-Morris for organising an enjoyable and productive morning in St Mary's Community Hub earlier this month. The group made some beautiful arrangements to take home.

### Concert – The Torriano Ensemble

Sunday 16th October at 6pm in St Mary's Longcot  
Free admission. Donations in aid of Longcot Village Trust to support future community projects.  
All seats need to be reserved in advance by contacting victorialmedcalf@gmail.com

### Unusual things you didn't know about World War 2

Friday 18th November at 7:30pm in St John's Fernham  
A presentation by local historian Tom Arnold including how Britain stopped Japan from acquiring an atomic bomb, the submarine that sank a train and the greatest loss of life at sea (ever) (not the Titanic!).  
Free admission to include cheese and wine.  
Donations in aid of St John's and the Village Hall

### A Message from Faringdon Food Bank

Faringdon Food Bank is run by a team of volunteers led by members of Churches Together in partnership with Faringdon Town Council. It is housed in a small room in the Pump House (the Council building in the square, not the Pump House Project in Post Office Lane). Because of the small space we would really prefer people to make a financial donation as it means that the team can buy in bulk on a weekly basis as needed. If you would like to do this please make your payment to Churches Together in and Around Faringdon no 2 account.  
Sort code 20-90-91, account no. 53402738.

If you do wish to make a small physical donation the Food Bank would be grateful for any of the following:  
Cereals, pasta, rice, cook-in sauces, coffee, tea.  
Tins of meat (but nothing that must be oven cooked), tins of fruit, rice pudding, steamed puddings, readymade custard. Toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoos, shower gels, soaps. Cleaning materials. Pet food.

There are collection points in the church porch at St Andrew's Shrivenham and St Thomas' Watchfield.

### Congratulations!

We're pleased to announce that St Swithun's Church in Compton Beauchamp has won a Bronze Eco Church Award in recognition of their efforts to care for God's earth, the first of our Benefice churches to do so.



The overall aim of the Eco Church award scheme is to celebrate the ways that church communities have been engaging with caring for the earth as a key part of their Christian faith.

### Remembering the Queen around the Benefice

I hope you have enjoyed seeing the wonderful pictures from around the Benefice included here and in last week's Newsletter. Richard and I went in to all the churches and were so moved by the flowers and photographs as well as the messages in the books of condolence. Some of the ones from children were especially touching. We also held a number of special services. I would especially like to thank the churchwardens, choir, bell ringers, flower arrangers and cleaners for all they did to ensure that our churches were places of welcome and refuge both during services and for times of private prayer. Norma



The bells of St Andrew's Shrivenham were rung half-muffled at noon on the day after the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II



St James Bourton



St Andrew's Shrivenham  
Thank you to IV Florist  
for this beautiful arrangement



The post box near St Alban's Church in Watchfield