



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Rev'd Shannon Preston is giving today's online sermon.
Watch on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or our [website](#).

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
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- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew.
Family Service
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary.
Morning Prayer
- 5:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
A Time of Reflection and Remembrance
All Souls Service with the Benefice Choir

Monday

- 7:30pm Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Licensing of Rev'd Patrick Mabhunu
by the Bishop of Dorchester

Tuesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 7:00pm Shrivenham with Watchfield & Bourton PCC

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. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 10:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 6:00pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

Friday

- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 10:00am Royal British Legion Coffee Morning
St Andrew's Shrivenham
- 3:15pm Bourton, St James
Pinewood School Service

Saturday

- 10:00am Café Inspire
Shrivenham Primary School Hall

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work
in Berrycroft Lane in Ashbury, and Stainswick Lane
in Shrivenham.

Remembrance Sunday 12th November

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Remembrance Service
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Remembrance Service
and Act of Remembrance at War Memorial
- 10:50am Longcot, St Mary
Remembrance Service
and Act of Remembrance at War Memorial
- 10:50am Ashbury War Memorial
Act of Remembrance
- 11:00am Compton Beauchamp War Memorial
Act of Remembrance
- 12 noon Bourton War Memorial
Act of Remembrance
- 3:00pm Fernham Garden of Remembrance
and War Memorial.
Act of Remembrance

A Time of Reflection and Remembrance

Sunday 5th November St Andrew's Church Shrivenham

The church will be open between 2pm and 6pm for anyone who wishes to come, be still and light a votive candle. At 5pm, the Benefice Choir will join us for a service of Remembrance for those we have loved and lost which will also include the opportunity to light a candle. If you are unable to attend but would like to have a candle lit on your behalf, please let us know.

If you would like to have the name of a loved one recorded in the Book of Remembrance that is on display in the Lady Chapel in St Andrew's Church, please contact the Benefice Administrator (Lucy Laird) 01793 783519 info@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk

Their service does not have to have taken place in St Andrew's for their name to be included.

Royal British Legion Coffee Morning

St Andrew's Church Shrivenham
Friday 10th November
from 10am to noon.



A chance to support the Royal British Legion,
get your poppy and enjoy cake and a cuppa!

All welcome.

St Mary's Church Longcot

has reverted to winter opening hours and will be open on Sundays and Wednesdays until dusk.

St Andrew's Annual Brass Cleaning Morning Saturday 25th November at 9:30am.

Helpers would be appreciated. Coffee provided!

Sonare in Concert

My Soul, There is a Country

Saturday 11th November at 7:30pm
St Andrew's Church Shrivenham



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Sonare are a renowned London-based choral quartet.

They will treat us to a joyous celebration of British choral music. The programme features unmissable favourites alongside underappreciated gems, with fascinating musical history commentary from the singers themselves.

Tickets £12 will be on sale locally in due course or buy online now for a 10% discount through www.sonarechoir.com

In aid of St Andrew's Restoration Project

Coffee, Cake and Christmas Cards

St Andrew's Church Shrivenham
Friday 17th November from 10am to 12 noon.

Come and join us for coffee and cake, and the opportunity to stock up on Christian charity Christmas cards and Advent calendars from the Lighthouse Book Shop in Highworth. All are welcome.

The Torriano Ensemble Autumn Concert

Sunday 19th November at 6pm
St. Mary's Church, Longcot

An evening of music for flute, clarinet, horn, bassoon and string quintet, featuring two much-loved masterpieces from the classical period, Mozart's charming and uplifting Flute Quartet in D major K. 285 and the magnificent Octet by Schubert.

Arrangements of three of Gershwin's most popular songs, 'Embraceable You', 'The Man I Love' and 'I've Got Rhythm', provide a contrast of style and mood.

Admission free with a retiring collection in aid of Longcot Village Trust and St Mary's Church.

The bar will be open from 5.30pm for drinks before the concert and also at the interval.

Reservations should be made in advance by email to victorialmedcalf@gmail.com

Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Rachel Trolen, Marion Minchinton and Rev'd Bill Pegg (formerly Vicar of Ashbury). Please keep them in your prayers.

Looking to the Future – Your Next Vicar

Rev'd Norma Fergusson is retiring in May 2024, and we are starting to look towards the future and the appointment of her successor.

As part of this process, we invite everyone in the Benefice, whether you are a churchgoer or not, to come along to Shrivenham Memorial Hall on Sunday 19th November to share your thoughts and observations on what we currently do well, what is less successful, and what you would like to see happening over the next few years.

Tea and cake will be served from 3.30pm with the meeting starting at 4.00pm. Following a short introduction, informal discussions will take place in small groups, ending no later than 6.00pm, but you are welcome to leave at any time.

Advising us of your intention to attend is not compulsory but will help to ensure we don't run out of cake!

We would love to see you there, but if you are unable to come along, you can still take part in the consultation process via our online survey which is available at <https://s.surveypal.com/v3h79lf9>.

If you would like a paper copy, please contact the Benefice Administrator (Lucy Laird) or pick one up in church. All survey responses are anonymous.

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Welcome



Welcome to Alfred Thomas Ronald Crouch who was baptised on Saturday 28th October at St Mary's Church Ashbury.

Messy Church

The theme on Thursday 2nd November was All Saints Day. We were thinking about how we are all saints. We decorated jam jars and put night lights in them, and made edible candles (round wafers with icing flames) because as saints God's love shines through us. We made clay fridge magnet models of ourselves with a halo to remind us we're all saints. We made 'circles of connections' from card and wool to remind us that all God's saints past and present are connected as we're all part of God's family. We coloured in pictures of famous Saints and drew pictures of ourselves and stuck them on the tree with Jesus at the centre to make a collage of our Faith Family Tree.



Becky Peal and Rosy Taylor were welcomed into the Fellowship of St Birinus recently.

This award is given to people who have given exceptional service in some way or other to their church and community over a number of years. Their citations read "With thanksgiving for your service to God and the Church at St Andrew's Shrivenham for revitalising youth ministry within the parish through the monthly Family Service and organising regular Messy Church sessions."

