



# The Shrevenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## Sunday 29th October 2023 Bible Sunday

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

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

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday 1st November

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)  
9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group  
Shrevenham Methodist Church  
10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom  
2:00pm Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
ASK Holy Communion  
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](#)  
3:15pm Shrevenham, St Andrew  
Messy Church  
6:00pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

### Friday

9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)  
3:15pm Bourton, St James  
Pinewood School Service

### Saturday

10:00am Bourton, St James  
Family Service

### Sunday 5th November

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

### A Time of Reflection and Remembrance

Sunday 5th November  
St Andrew's Church  
Shrevenham



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](mailto:info@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk)

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

### Community Cycle of Prayer

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

### Royal British Legion Coffee Morning

St Andrew's Church  
Shrevenham  
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 Andrew's Annual Brass Cleaning Morning

Saturday 25th November at 9:30am.

Helpers would be appreciated. Coffee provided!

### Licensing of Rev'd Patrick Mabunu as Associate Vicar, Shrevenham and Ashbury Benefice

Monday 6th November at 7:30pm  
St Mary's Church Ashbury

The Rt Rev'd Gavin Collins, Bishop of Dorchester, will lead the service, which will be followed by refreshments.

All are welcome but for planning/catering purposes please let us know if you wish to attend.

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Limited parking is available in the church car park at the top of Church Lane. If parking in the village, please be mindful of our neighbours.

## 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](http://www.sonarechoir.com)

In aid of St Andrew's Restoration Project

## 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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## A New Member of the Fellowship of St Birinus



Bishop Gavin welcomed new members, including Rosy Taylor, into the Fellowship of St Birinus at a special service in Dorchester Abbey on Sunday 22nd October.

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. Rosy's citation 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."

## 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](mailto:victorialmedcalf@gmail.com)