



Sunday 10th March 2024

Lent 4

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CALENDAR

Friday 8th March

7.30pm – Choir Practice at St Mary's

Saturday 9th March

10:00am - Dads and Kids at St Mary's Hall

Sunday 10th March - Mothering Sunday

9:00am – Holy Communion at St Paul's

10:30am – *All Age Service at St Mary's

6:00pm - All Age at St Arilda's

6:00pm - Evensong at St Mary's

Tuesday 12th March

7.30pm – Bell ringing practice

Thursday 14th March

9:00am – Hopscotch at St Mary's

Friday 15th March

7.30pm – Choir Practice at St Mary's

Saturday 16th March

7.00pm - Film Night at St Mary's Hall

Sunday 17th March - Passion Sunday

9:00am – All Age at St Paul's

10:30am – *Holy Communion at St Mary's

6.00pm - Evening Prayer at St Arilda's

*Please note: most services at St Mary's will be live streamed

Livestreaming – If you are unable to make it to church, please do use the link below so you can be part of our worship. The camera records the person speaking, with some wider shots of the church.

NOTICES AND EVENTS

Vision Action Plan 2024 - Worship and Teaching

Please follow the link to the latest updated section, Worship and Teaching, of the Benefice Vision Action Plan.

[Click here to](#)

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Electoral Roll – It is the time of year when we begin to prepare for our APCM in May. If you are not yet on our Electoral Roll and would like to feel part of the Church family please complete a form. There is a supply at the back of St Mary's and St Paul's. Please hand completed forms to a Churchwarden. Thank you.

MU - 19th March - Mair Vaughan speaking - is the lead volunteer for Thornbury Foodbank and she will tell us about this excellent organisation and how they use the donations so generously given by the people of Thornbury. St Mary's Hall at 7:30pm. We ask that anyone attending bring an item for the Foodbank. Entrance is free and refreshments are served.

Easter Lilies in St Mary's Church - If you would like to make a donation towards the Easter Lilies to remember loved ones please speak to or phone Kate Teague 415837, Cath Barnard 413565 or Carole Ball 413665. Please let us have the names of those to be remembered so that they can be displayed in a frame by the arrangement near the pulpit. Many thanks.

Flowers for Easter at St Paul's - If you would like to donate money for flowers to decorate St Paul's for Easter in memory of a loved one, please add your name and the name of your loved one to the list at the back of St Paul's. Thanks you.

2024 Lent Appeal for Christian Aid: Everyone is Equal in the sight of God -

The 2024 Lent Appeal is in aid of Christian Aid who are supporting us with the Lent course, 'Act on Poverty'. Christian Aid believes every prayer, every gift, every action helps transform lives, demonstrating the power of people coming together in faith. They raise awareness of suffering, tackle injustice and champion people's rights. "Loving our neighbours means living out our faith on a local and global scale." Please collect an envelope from the back of church and return it to church, during a service, at Easter. Many thanks. Christine Dadd, Chair, Missions: Global and Local Concern.

Motanka Dolls Master Class – A special presentation about the traditional Ukrainian 'protector' dolls. **Saturday 9th March** 10:30-1pm at The United Reformed Church, Chapel Street Thornbury, BS35 2BA. Donations on the day will cover the costs and towards the next Van Trip to Ukraine. You will be fascinated by the history of these little Ukrainian Mothering Dolls and you will have a chance to hear about other Ukrainian traditions. Vera, who leads the morning, is a Ukrainian living in Bristol and raising funds through donations for Ukrainian refugees. Please book a space with Jacquie on jacquie.rinaldi1@gmail.com.

Film Night – 7:00pm start. **16th March** at St Mary's Church Hall. The showing this month is 'Son of Rambo'. Rated 12A.

Set in the early 1980's during a long British summer 2 little boys with a video camera try their hand at a home movie. It is a comedy about friendship, faith and the tough business of growing up.



Choir Concert

On **Saturday 23rd March** there will be a charity concert at St Mary's Church. The Bath male Choir will be teaming up with the Thornbury Good Afternoon Choir to raise money for Thornbury & District League of Friends.

Tickets cost £10 and can either be purchased on the door or atgac.ticketlight.co.uk or call 0844 8889991.

Agape Supper – **Thursday 28 March** at 7pm in St Mary's Church – A sign up sheet is available in the churches. If you wish to attend, please add your name and any allergies – to help with catering arrangements. Thank you!



Stock is running low of the following items:

Long life Fruit Juice
Instant Meals
Tins of Vegetables
Tins of Tomatoes
Tins of Potatoes
Pulses

Tins of custard
UHT milk
Sponge puddings
Tins of cold meat
Dog food
Children's toothbrushes (singles)
Baby wipes

Can you please make sure all items are in date and unopened?

Thank you for your on-going support, especially as food donations have reduced over the last couple of months

Donations can be placed in the basket in Tesco, the Coop at Thornbury Fields or left on the Baptist Church steps on Wednesdays between 9.30am and 11am.

CHURCH FAMILY

Church Wardens - If you need any help the church wardens are always contactable. Tel: Jenny Ovens (01454414727), Robin Gupta (01454 413650), Mike Dennett (01454 419082), Andrew Gazard(01454 412153) and Sandra Grey (01454 260316).

Help needed with weddings and funerals at St. Mary's and/or St. Paul's - Join us in supporting our community during important life events like weddings and funerals. Your help as a verger ensures each service is personal and seamless. Assist with setting up the church, greeting attendees, and more. If you can spare even a little time, please reach out to Reverend Joy or Lizzie Jones for more information on how you can contribute. Training and support provided. Contact Lizzie at lifeevents.thornburybenefice@outlook.com.

Bereaved or need Pastoral Care? - As a church community we always try to be there for any person who is in need or has experienced a loss. We would hope that someone from the church family would be round to visit you following a bereavement within the first few days. This might not always be Revd Joy but could also be a visit from Revd Sheila Fisher or another member of the ministry team, or friends from within the Church community. We are lucky to have a wonderful church team and family to help each other through difficult times. This also makes it possible for our vicar to visit all in need that are not yet part of the family. Please do let Revd Joy (joyeludlow@outlook.com) and Lizzie Jones(lifeevents.thornburybenefice@outlook.com) know as soon as possible following a bereavement and we will do all that we can to help. If you specifically want a visit from a member of the clergy, please do get in touch. We are never too busy, but not all people need the same things, and it helps for us to hear from you. If you or someone you know is in hospital, struggling in isolation or has cause for concern, please let the office know and we can pass on information as appropriate.

The Office - The office in St Mary's will be open during the hours of 10am and 2pm, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. All messages will be dealt with as soon as possible. Please send newsletter items to the office by 10am on the Wednesday. Email: thornburybenefice@outlook.com. Thankyou.

PAGE OF PRAYER

Those who have asked for our prayers at this time:

Gareth Mullinex, Angela Swan, Hughan Welch, Joyce Barge, Verity Barker, Phil Jones, Sylvia Zelle, Jean Boakes, Stuart Elliott, Gill and Chris Platt.

Those for whom we regularly pray: William Martin, Liz Humphries, Theresa Holliday, Margaret Woodford and Suzanne Elliott.

Recently departed: We pray for those who mourn for their friends and family.

Readings: Psalm 107. 1-9, John 3.14-17

GOSPEL READING

John 3. 14-17

14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT – The director of the Australian Platypus Conservatory, Geoff Williams, has dedicated decades to the study of these amazing egg-laying animals. A male platypus was first captured and tagged in November 2000 at Monbulk Creek in Melbourne, and was estimated to be one-year-old. He was then recaptured along the same river system last September, at about 24 years of age. It is not usual for platypus to live much beyond 20 years old. Thanks to a program which commenced in 1994 with Melbourne Water, hundreds of platypus have been captured and tagged in the Melbourne area and further study on these unusual creatures will continue to amaze.

FOR OUR WORLD – With many of the worlds conflicts, such as Ukraine, Gaza, and Haiti.
*Most holy God and Father,
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace
and all who fight for justice.
Help us, who today remember the cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow;
and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,
bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

FOR COMMUNITY – Congratulations and well done to all those involved with this year's Swimathon at Thornbury Leisure Centre. It has been reported by Thornbury Gazette that the event raised just over £10,000 for St Peter's Hospice and Butterfly Space! That 5176 lengths of the pool were swum, that's 130km or 81 miles. Well done to all who participated. You are not too late to donate to this wonderful achievement, you can still make a donation through the Swimathon JustGiving page:

The United Benefice of Thornbury with Oldbury and Sheppardine consists of the ecclesiastical parish of Thornbury and the ecclesiastical parish of Oldbury-on-Severn with Sheppardine. The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Thornbury is registered charity no. 1137265.