



The United Benefice of Thornbury with Oldbury and Shepperdine

Sunday 7th April 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter

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CALENDAR

Friday 5th April

7.30pm – Choir Practice

Sunday 7th April

8.00am - *Said Holy Communion in St Mary's

3.00pm – Benefice Refresh! at St Mary's Church Hall – all welcome

Monday 8th April

1:00pm - Funeral for Nanette Smedley at St Paul's

Friday 12th April

7.30pm – Choir Practice

Saturday 13th April

10am - 12noon - Dads and Kids at St Mary's Hall

Sunday 14th April

8:00am - Spoken Holy Communion at St Arilda's

9:00am – Holy Communion at St Paul's

10:30am – *All Age Holy Communion at St Mary'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.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNkUbB6tYzHdbDPJFSkdaZA>

NOTICES AND EVENTS



REFRESH!
BENEFICE SERVICE

COME AND JOIN US AT
ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL.
EASTBURY RD, BS35 1DR
ALL ARE WELCOME!

3PM
7
APRIL
2024

An interactive
intergenerational service
with activities,
refreshments and a time
of discussion, video
readings and reflections

The poster features a yellow background with illustrations of a bee, daisies, and sunflowers. A blue circular badge in the top right corner contains the date and time: 3PM, 7 APRIL, 2024.

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.

St Mary's Easter Prayer stations - This Easter at St Mary's Church, 3 temporary Prayer stations have been set up. Contemplation spaces that have been inspired by a wall frieze by Emma Yarlett, 'The Big Frieze' which is part of the RE curriculum at St Mary's School.

Litter Pick - Saturday 6th April at 9.30am run by Plastic Free Thornbury and Thornbury Litter Busters.

Do you like to keep Thornbury tidy? If so please come along for this useful event. Equipment will be supplied. Meet at The Swan.

Peace Vigil - The next Peace Vigil, supported by Thornbury Churches Together, will take place on Saturday 20 April from 10.30 to 11.00am outside Tessoro lounge in the High Street. Thanks. Rev Kingsley Fulbrook (Christ the King parish)

Carbon Awareness Training Course - 27th April, 9.30-3pm at St Paul's Church.

Join Cate Williams and Julie Nelson for a day of Carbon Awareness Training. Carbon Awareness is a short 4 hour course, enabling participants to explore questions around engaging with climate change in church life.

It covers four key questions:

Why does reducing our use of fossil fuels matter so much?

What changes can we make that make the most difference?

How we can encourage others to get involved?

How does this fit into the whole of church life?

Participants will leave the course better equipped to make positive changes in their own household as well as feeling more confident to engage both with church, and others to encourage more people to take this seriously.

As a short 4 hour course, Carbon Awareness can either be delivered as a whole or split into two or more sessions.

Participants will need to spend 20 minutes before the course completing a simple carbon footprint tool: <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/>

Please note that participants will need to bring their own lunch, but drinks are provided.

This training is free of charge, but spaces are limited so please sign up here by [clicking the booking form here.](#)

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Food Bank - April 2024 Shopping list

Much less needed this month partly due to donations rising, so thank you for your efforts. We are also reducing our stock levels as we are moving to Turnberries at the end of April whilst Thornbury Baptist Church is being refurbished. More details with next month's list. Stock is running low on the following items:

Noodles

Pulses – chick peas, kidney & butter

beans etc

Instant Meals

Pulses

Sponge puddings

Toilet rolls

Male & female shower gel

Male and female deodorant

Laundry tablets

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

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.

Thank you for your on-going support!

CHURCH RE-ORDERING



We are fully prepared for the commencement of work! A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who dedicated their time at St. Mary's to assist in clearing the church area and safeguarding items that cannot be relocated.

Please do speak to any of the Church wardens if you have any questions or concerns about the works. We will continue to keep you updated as work continues at St Mary's. For more updates please do follow the Benefice Facebook page.

CHURCH FAMILY

St Mary's School Contact:

St Mary's C of E VA School, Headteacher Mrs. S Gillman

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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, Janet Morrish, Joyce Barge, Verity Barker, Phil Jones, Sylvia Zelle, Jean Boakes, Stuart Elliott, Gill and Chris Platt.

Those for whom we regularly pray: Jean Thompson, Emma Stuart and Venetia Grant.

Recently departed: We pray for the family and friends of Nanette Smedley who mourn their loss.

Readings: Acts 4. 32-35, 1 John. 1-2, John 20. 19-end

GOSPEL READING

John 20. 19-31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin[a]), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 27 Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' 28 Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 29 Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe[b] that Jesus is the Messiah,[c] the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

FOR OUR

FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT - Chocolate has a climate change problem. Last week, cocoa prices rose to all-time highs on commodity exchanges in London and New York, reaching more than \$10,000 a tonne. After the third successive bad harvest in west Africa, there is a global shortage of the cacao seeds that are used to make chocolate – and the situation may not improve quickly. After a weekend break feasting on Easter eggs and bunnies, chocolate may be the last thing on your mind, but the broader question about how rising temperatures will affect global food supplies is not going away.

FOR OUR WORLD – Taiwan’s strongest earthquake in 25 years has killed nine people and injured at least 900, causing building collapses, power outages and landslides on the island, and triggering initial tsunami warnings in southern Japan and the Philippines. Taiwan’s Centre for Science and Technology (CST) said people and vehicles were trapped in the Dachingshui tunnel. Train lines were also damaged, and schools and workplaces were closed across large areas of the city. Tens of thousands of homes were without power.

FOR COMMUNITY –

Lord God, whose Son, Jesus Christ,
understood people's fear and pain
before they spoke of them,
we pray for those in hospital;
surround the frightened with your tenderness;
give strength to those in pain;
hold the weak in your arms of love,
and give hope and patience
to those who are recovering;
we ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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