

# Sunday 14th April 2024

## 3rd Sunday of Easter

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## CALENDAR

### Friday 12th April

7.30pm – Choir Practice

### Saturday 13th April

9am - Marriage Reflection Course at St Paul's

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

### Tuesday 16th April

7:30pm - Bell ringing practice

### Wednesday 17th April

10:00am - Midweek Communion at St Mary's

### Thursday 18th April

09:00 - Hopscotch at St Mary's Church

### Friday 19th April

7.30pm – Choir Practice

### Sunday 21st April

9:00am - All Age Service at St Paul's

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

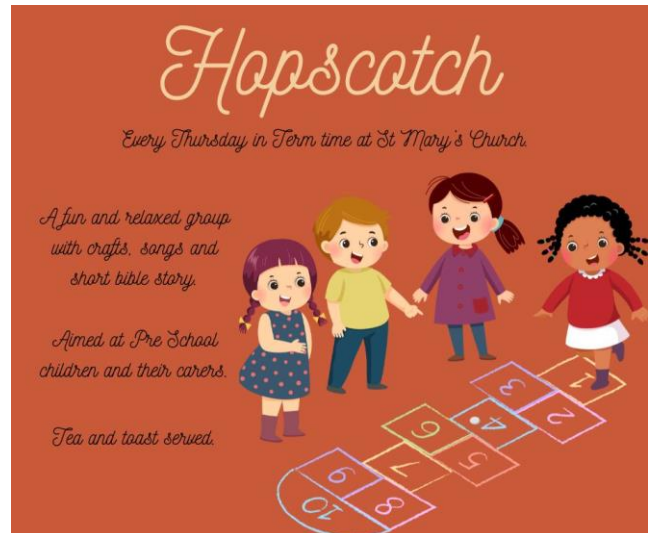
6:00pm - Evening Prayer at St Arilda's

\*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

**Hopscotch** - Hopscotch is returning next week on Thursday 18th April at St Mary's Church. As the works will be underway and there is currently no servery please bring your own contained hot drink and a snack and cold drink for the children if they wish.



**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 be 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.

**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 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.

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!**

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## CHURCH RE-ORDERING

Next week will see the start of the main works.



The Cleaning Team is seeking volunteers to help prepare the church for Sunday Worship and weddings, particularly in the first few weeks of the re-ordering. If you can spare some time on weekends, we would greatly appreciate your assistance. Please reach out to Jenny O if you're able to lend a hand. Thank you for your support!

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, please do follow the Benefice Facebook page.

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## CHURCH FAMILY

### **St Mary's School Contact:**

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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](mailto: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](mailto:joyeludlow@outlook.com)) and Lizzie Jones ([lifeevents.thornburybenefice@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto:thornburybenefice@outlook.com). Thankyou.

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## 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 Zellely, Jean Boakes, Stuart Elliott, Gill and Chris Platt.

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

Recently departed: We pray for the family and friends of Jacqi Lillis and Amanda Morton-Scott who mourn their loss.

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**Readings: Acts 3. 12-19, 1 John 3. 1-7, Luke 24. 36-48**

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## GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:36-48

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

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## FOR OUR

**FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT** - Record-breaking rain in recent months has drastically reduced the amount of food produced in the UK, farming groups have said. Livestock and crops have been affected as fields have been submerged since last autumn. It has been an exceptionally wet 18 months. The UK will be reliant on imports for wheat in the coming year and potentially beyond because of the drastic reduction in yields. Wheat production is down 15% since November, the biggest reduction in cropped areas since 2020. Oilseed rape is down 28%, the biggest reduction since the 1980s, and winter barley is down 22% at 355,000 hectares, the biggest reduction since 2020. The National Farmers' Union (NFU) has reported that the rain, combined with unseasonably low spring temperatures, is taking a toll on livestock farming, with a "bleak attrition rate for lambs born this spring already clear". Farmers have said they are facing a crisis. The NFU vice-president, Rachel Hallos, said: "People should be in no doubt about the immense pressure UK farm businesses are under thanks to this unprecedented and constant rain. It's no exaggeration to say a crisis is building. While farmers are bearing the brunt of it now, consumers may well see the effects through the year as produce simply doesn't leave the farm gate."

**FOR OUR WORLD** – After more than 9,940 miles (16,000km) over 352 days across 16 countries, Russ Cook, aka the “Hardest Geezer”, has completed the mammoth challenge of running the length of Africa. The 27-year-old endurance athlete from Worthing, West Sussex, crossed the finish line in Tunisia on Sunday afternoon, and planned to celebrate with a party – as well as a strawberry daiquiri – having raised more than £600,000 for charity.

**FOR COMMUNITY** – We wish all going back to school this week a wonderful summer term. Loving God, thank you for all my friends, and my teachers/carers. Thank you that I have the chance to learn new things every day. Please bless everyone at school/nursery, and please bless me too. Help me to know that all day long, whether I’m having fun or whether I’m feeling upset, you’re there for me. Amen

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