

SUNDAY 21st APRIL 2024

4th Sunday of Easter

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Church Wardens - If you need any help the church wardens are always contactable.
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CALENDAR

Friday 19th April

7.30pm – Choir Practice

Saturday 20th April

10:30am - TCT Peace Vigil meet outside Tessoro Lounge

Sunday 21st April

9:00am - All Age Service at St Paul's
10:30am - *Holy Communion at St Mary's
2:00pm - St Paul's Open Afternoon
4:00pm - St Mary's Afternoon Concert
6:00pm - Evening Prayer at St Arilda's

Tuesday 23rd April

12:00 - Funeral for Jacqui Lillis at St Mary's
7:30pm - Bell ringing Practice

Wednesday 24th April

1:30pm - Funeral for Amanda Morton-Scott at St Paul's

Thursday 25th April

9:00am - Hopscotch at St Mary's

Friday 26th April

7.30pm – Choir Practice

Saturday 27th April

9.30am - Carbon Neutral Training day at St Paul's

Sunday 28th April

9:00am – Holy Communion at St Paul's
10:30am – *All Age Holy Communion at St Mary's
3:00pm - Muddy Praise at St Mary's
6:00pm - Evensong BCP at St Mary's Shepperdine

*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

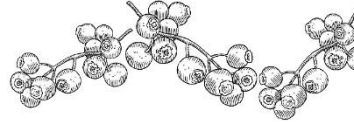
Concert - St Mary's Music is delighted to host the Thornbury Good Afternoon Choir this Sunday!

Refreshments will be served after the performance. Entry is free. All are welcome!



Afternoon Concert Series
3rd Sunday of the Month

ST MARY'S CHURCH THORNBURY BS35 1HQ
SUNDAY 21 APRIL 4PM



Thornbury Good Afternoon Choir

REFRESHMENTS
stmarysmusic.org

FREE ENTRY
Retiring collection

Electoral Roll – The Electoral Roll revision will commence. Please hand any completed forms to a Churchwarden as a matter of urgency. Thank you.

Thank you - Over the last few months Marmalade has been made and sold from both St Mary's and St Paul's Church to raise funds for 'Away From it All Holidays' (A Mothers Union scheme, to give the opportunity of a break to those who may be experiencing stress or difficulties in their family life).

Helen Bullock and Margaret Cadwallader have been working hard making the marmalade and they want to say thank you to all who have supported them in their endeavor, from buying the product to supporting with deliveries. All the hard work has raised over £200!

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, **9.30-3.15pm** 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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PRESS RELEASE

MEMORIAL TESTING TO CONTINUE AT THORNBURY CEMETERY DURING SUMMER AND AUTUMN 2024

Thornbury Town Council will be carrying out further statutory testing of memorial stones at Thornbury Cemetery during the Summer and Autumn.

A spokesperson from the Town Council said “This testing involves a very specific amount of force being applied onto memorial stones and if any movement is detected, the plot owner is contacted to let them know what they need to do next. In some instances, the staff must carefully lay down the stone to prevent a potential hazard to users of the cemetery. Our staff at the Cemetery are fully trained in the appropriate process by the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management.”

They added “as a burial authority, Thornbury Town Council is legally obliged to carry out this testing. There have been instances at other cemeteries of injury and even death as a result of loose memorial stones falling over onto Cemetery visitors. We understand completely that families may be very upset if a memorial stone needs to be laid down, but we would like to reassure people that this is done very carefully. We will write to any plot owners whose memorial stones fail the testing and are very happy to talk to them about the process and help to guide them through what they need to do next. Unfortunately, many plot owners are not aware that once a memorial stone is put in place, both they, and the Town Council, continue to have legal responsibilities for it.”

Lots more information on the legal requirements relating to this process, including Frequently Asked Questions, can be found on the Thornbury Town Council website <https://www.thornburytowncouncil.gov.uk/memorial-safety-testing/>

Thornbury Town Council kindly requests that any concerned plot owners contact the office in the Town Hall rather than talking directly to Cemetery staff, who have unfortunately encountered instances of abusive behaviour when carrying out testing previously. Staff in the office can assist with all queries related to testing and can be contacted by calling 01454 412103 or by email atinfo@thornburytowncouncil.gov.uk.

CHURCH RE-ORDERING

The dismantling of the west end has begun! Chris and the team from Ellis &Co have been busy dismantling the back of the church. Safe guarding the pillars and font whilst ripping out the old flooring. They have discovered another brass plaque in the North-West corner!



The old post box by the servery is now unavailable and a new post box for paperwork only (not money) can be found at the bottom of the office stairs in St Mary's. There is also the post box outside behind the main gate.

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.

ST PAUL'S

Whilst St Mary's is undergoing the reordering works St Paul's will be hosting more events. Please see here for the highlights.

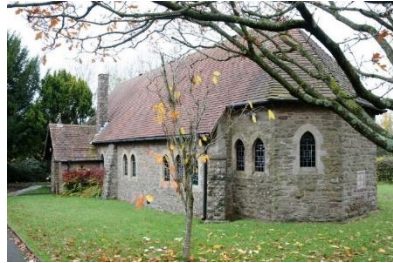
Sunday 21st April - 2:00pm - Open

Afternoon

Thursday 25th April - 1:30pm - Funeral for Mrs. Amanda Morton-Scott

Saturday 27th April - 9:30am - Carbon Neutral Training Day

2nd May - 6th May - Thornbury Art Trail



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 vergers 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: Mick Spiller, Aileen Acton, Dilys Cockerell, Elaine Stanlake.

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

Readings: Acts 4. 5-12, 1 John 3.16-end, John 10.11-18

GOSPEL READING

John 10.11-18

11 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 18No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT - Cars submerged in raging flood waters, planes on flooded runways and ankle-deep water at a metro station – this is what the United Arab Emirates desert city of Dubai is dealing with after a deluge of rainfall. Dubai received about as much rain in 24 hours as it usually does in a year!

FOR OUR WORLD – In the past year, the people of Sudan have endured disastrous flooding and deadly conflict. Now the country is in the grips of a food crisis with millions on the brink of famine. People who have been displaced are the most vulnerable. Intense fighting has forced millions to flee — many of these people were already refugees who had fled South Sudan in search of safety.

FOR COMMUNITY –

O Lord our God,
source of all goodness and love,
accept the fervent prayers of your people;
in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion
upon all who turn to you for help;
for you are gracious, O lover of souls,
and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

Amen.

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.