

# The United Benefice of Thornbury with Oldbury and Shepperdine



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## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – TRINITY 13

Services are held within our churches and livestreamed via YouTube, see below.

Shepperdine is open as a place of pilgrimage and private prayer.

If you know or hear of anyone who is not online but needs pastoral support or contact do let clergy or wardens know. Wardens Tel: Jenny Ovens (01454 414727), Robin Gupta (01454 413650), Mike Dennett (01454 419082), Andrew Gazard (01454 412153) and Sandra Grey (01454 260316).

**Please follow our '[Thornbury, Oldbury and Shepperdine United Benefice](#)' page on Facebook, and make friends with '[Thornbury Benefice](#).' If you wish to add to these pages, then send photos and notices to**

**Pat Duru:** [patduru50@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:patduru50@yahoo.co.uk)

**Please use our Church [YouTube](#) page to watch future livestreamed and recorded services from St Mary's:**

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

**(\*live streamed)**

*Readings: Exodus 3. 1-15, Romans 12. 9-21, Matthew 16. 21-28*

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

**9.00am** – Holy Communion at St Paul's

**10.30am** – \*Holy Communion at St Mary's

**4:00pm** – Refresh! at St Arilda's

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

**5pm-6pm** – Mothers' Union 'Wave of Prayer' in St Paul's – All welcome

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

**7.30pm until 9.00pm**- Bell ringing practice

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

10am – Holy Communion at St Paul's

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

**10am – 12am** – Dads and Kids at St Mary's Church Hall

**10.00am** - Ride and Stride starting at Shepperdine, details below

**1.30pm – 4.30pm** – Heritage Open Day at St Marys Church, details below

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

**8am** – Spoken Holy Communion at St Arilda's

**9.00am** – Holy Communion at St Paul's

**10.30am** – \*All Age at St Mary's

**6:00pm** – Choral Evensong at St Mary's

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

\*Live streaming – If you are unable to make it to church, please do use our Church YouTube page for the live-streamed services which are filmed from St Mary's:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNkUbB6tYzHdbDPJFSkdaZA> so you can be part of our worship. The camera records the person speaking, with some wider shots of the church.

## **NOTICES AND EVENTS**

**Heritage Open Day** –Heritage Open day is on the 9<sup>th</sup> September, please keep this date in your diaries! Invite your friends and neighbours!

Mothers' Union will be hosting a plant and craft stall and there will be refreshments available.

We will also be showcasing some brilliant local talents and their crafts. Please stop by and learn a few tips on;

- flower arranging,
- batik,
- poetry,
- glass engraving,
- crochet



and see some examples of knitting, wicker weaving and lace making.

We are opening the Tower so everyone physically able to climb the 133 steps and over the age of 8 can view the town and surrounding area from such a unique viewpoint. Please do contact Alice at the office to book a time slot.

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**Ride and Stride for Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust (GHCT)**- is on Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> and Revd Tom will be doing a sponsored walk to raise funds for GCHT. All are invited to walk with him either all or part of the way.

10am start at St. Mary's Shepperdine with a short act of worship and then walk to St Arilda's for lunch (please bring your own packed lunch). Departing St Arilda's after a short act of worship at about 1:00pm towards St. Mary's, Thornbury arriving at about 2:30pm. The walk will continue up to St. Paul's to finish with a shortened Evening Prayer at about 4:00pm.

Thanks to all who have already offered sponsorship - it is not too late to do so.

Either visit the Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/thomas-keates6>

Half the money raised will be returned to our benefice and be divided between our two PCCs.

**Film Nights Coming Soon!** - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7pm will be the return of Film nights at St Mary's Church Hall. The first movie will be 'Little Miss Sunshine' (2006, rated a 14).

A family determined to get their young daughter into the finals of a beauty pageant take a cross-country trip in their VW bus, unaware of what the journey has in store for them.



**Hopscotch** – please keep a note Hopscotch will be returning on the 21<sup>st</sup> September. Baby and Pre-school play group. Each week has a different theme and craft. Tea, Coffee for adults, toast for the children are provided.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – save the date** join us at St Mary's Church for a Macmillan Coffee Morning from 10.30am. Please follow the link for donations to Macmillan <http://www.justgiving.com/cm23030838>.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – save the date** join us at Naite Farm, Oldbury-upon-Severn, at 7.00pm for the Harvest Festival Line Dancing and a delicious Ploughman's supper will be on offer. We will be releasing the tickets soon.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – save the date** – Harvest Lunch will be at St Mary's Hall on the 8<sup>th</sup> October. The sign-up sheet for attending is in St Mary's Church and there is a separate sign-up sheet to notify us if you would like to contribute a seasonal dessert such as apple crumble.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023** – Thornbury Picture house present 'Utama' at their Event Cinema evening at Thornbury Methodist Church Upper Hall. Set in the arid Bolivian highlands, living a tranquil life an elderly Quechua couple and their grandson must face, each in the own way, the effects of a changing environment, the importance of tradition, and the meaning of life itself. All tickets £5.00. Doors open at 7pm. Call 01454 412 272 to reserve your tickets. For more information visit [www.thornburypicturehouse.org](http://www.thornburypicturehouse.org)

**Vision Action Plan - Community and Fellowship** – Attached is the first part of the Vision Action Plan being put together from our benefice weekend away. Over the coming year this will slowly come out in the 6 parts covered through the weekend, and the various church groups and committees involved in each part of the plan will continue to be responsible for checking in and updating them as our church life continues. They are a working document and not a final plan!

**Church Library Box** - We have started a book borrowing scheme in both St Paul's and St Mary's. It's a form of library of "good reads". Many folk have inspirational books which they have enjoyed reading and might be willing to share with others. The library boxes are in the Stafford Chapel at St Mary's and on a windowsill in St Pauls room.

**Treasurer Required**- We do still need to find and train a new Treasurer to take over from Gill Young, who has indicated that she will be standing down at the next APCM. If you have accounting or book-keeping skills and would be willing to consider the role please speak to Gill or to Revd Joy. We may be able to share the role by dividing up the various tasks. All offers of help seriously considered.

**The Office**- The office will be open in St Mary's during the hours of 10am and 2pm, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Do please leave a message or send an email on other days and they will be dealt with as soon as possible. Please ensure any items that you would like to appear in the newsletter are received in the office by 10am on the **Wednesday** of the week when you wish your item to appear. Send to: [thornburybenefice@outlook.com](mailto:thornburybenefice@outlook.com). Thank you.

**If you are recently bereaved or need pastoral care**-Please contact the clergy. We offer the opportunity to share your concerns. Or, 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.

## **GOSPEL READING:**

### Matthew 16 13-20

21 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." 23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance[h] to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

27 "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. 28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

## **KEY LINKS –Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

Services at St Mary's Livestreamed at:

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

Diocesan Bulletin:

<https://mailchi.mp/3d1f13955fe2/the-weekly-bulletin-29-august-2023?e=56d437cfb1>

## **BENEFICE PAGE OF PRAYER**

Those who have asked for our prayers at this time:

Gareth Mullinex, Pam Latimer, Phil Jones, Angela Swan, Hughan Welch, Joyce Barge, Stuart Elliott, Gill and Chris Platt.

Those for whom we regularly pray: Matthew Watson, Joan Cole, Dorothy Long, Jean Thompson, Emma Stuart, Venetia Grant.

Recently departed: We pray for the families of Joan Shipp, Joan Hemmings and Norman Templeman as they mourn the loss of their loved one at this time.

**FOR THE ENVIRONMENT** - Hurricane Idalia plowed into Florida's Gulf Coast on Wednesday with howling winds, torrential rains and pounding surf, then weakened as it turned its fury on south-eastern Georgia, where floodwaters trapped some residents in their homes. In Florida, it pushed inland a storm surge of up to 16ft, submerging the small coastal community of Steinhatchee and setting record high water levels across a wide area stretching 200 miles south to Tampa. The afternoon high tide was heightened by a rare blue "supermoon". The storm had rapidly intensified overnight, fueled by the abnormally record hot waters in the Gulf. Studies have shown evidence that Atlantic hurricanes are becoming stronger and intensifying more rapidly due to these accelerants resulting from the climate crisis.

**FOR OUR WORLD** – After decades of violence and insecurity, 3.5 million people have been forced to flee their homes and remain displaced inside Afghanistan. Many families fled with little time to pack and lost their homes with little warning. Whilst conflict has now subsided, fear and deprivation remain, and families are in desperate need.

**FOR OUR COMMUNITY** – We wish all the children heading back to school next week all the best in their new classes.

God of Hope and transformation  
who in our Lord Jesus Christ offers the gift of life in all its fullness,  
send your Holy Spirit and grant us  
joy in our following and vision in our leadership.  
May we be rich in imagination, confident in faith,  
and courageous in our engagement  
with the people and places of this diocese.  
As we share your life with the world, keep us rooted and grounded in love  
as we bear witness to your glory  
and pray for your Kingdom to come. Amen

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