



The United Benefice of Thornbury with Oldbury and Shepperdine

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Sunday 6th August–TRINITY 9

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

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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: Daniel 7. 9-10,13-14; 2 Peter 1. 16-19; Luke 9. 28-36

Sunday 6th August

9.00am – Holy Communion at St Paul's

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

4pm – Refresh! at St Arilda's

Bring your own picnic for this Picnic and Praise afternoon

Tuesday 8th August

7.30pm until 9.00pm- Bell ringing practice

Wednesday 9th August

Coffee Morning to mark Mary Sumner Day – the Founder of MU – see details below

Saturday 12th August

Dads and Kids will be meeting in Mundy playing fields from 10am to 12 noon for a picnic. All are welcome and should bring their own picnic, chairs, games etc

Sunday 13th August

8am – Spoken Holy Communion at St Arilda's

9.00am – Holy Communion at St Paul's

10.30am – All Age Service with the Children's team at St Mary's

6.00pm – 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

Bell Ringing- Saturday 5th August. A visiting band will be ringing a full peal at our tower, starting at 10:00am and finishing about 1pm.

A Coffee Morning – will be held at the back of St Mary's on **Wednesday 9th August** between 10.30am and noon. Members of the Mothers Union commemorate Mary Sumner each year on 9th August. Mary, as a grandmother, wanted to support mothers and had the idea of women meeting regularly to learn from and encourage each other in bringing up children in the Christian faith. This has led to a global movement now of 4 million members in 84 countries. This year our Branch will be holding a coffee morning on the 9th.

Anyone and Everyone is welcome to join us for this informal get together

Huge Congratulations – to **Shirley Holloway** who has been made an Honorary Alderman with 3 other ex South Gloucestershire Councillors at a special meeting at the Council Offices in Kingswood last week, as a preliminary to the Council Meeting. Shirley was told about it 2 weeks before and also informed that it was confidential so it had to be kept secret but she was delighted that Martin, her son, was working in Bristol that day so was able to go to the meeting as Shirley's guest.

Shirley's first question was about what the post entailed and to her relief it is mainly ceremonial. Shirley is invited, along with the others appointed, to all Council Meetings, but cannot speak (!) and also to any special meetings. Quite an honour! To read more about this wonderful achievement and occasion please see the new edition of Chat!

Shirley being presented with her certificate by Mike Drew, Chair of the Council



Heritage Open Day – We are starting to plan for the Heritage Open day on the 9th September, please keep this date in your diaries! Invite your friends and neighbours!

This year there is a nationwide theme of 'creativity' and we will be showcasing some local artistic and crafting talents in the afternoon. Mothers Union will have plant and craft stalls and our Catering Team will provide refreshments all afternoon. St Mary's church tower will be open for pre-booked tours. ***Please contact the office for more details.*** There are 133 uneven, large steps to climb and there is no disabled access. All participants must be 8+. The Tour times will be 13:30, 13:50, 14:10, 14:50, 15:20, 15:45, 16:30.

Foodbank – A new shopping list is available for August – a copy is attached with the newsletter – there are copies on the noticeboards – however, urgently needed items are: **Tins** of soup, tomatoes, potatoes, cold meat, and spaghetti. Brown and tomato sauce, noodles/instant meals, savoury crackers, Angel Delight, rice pudding, custard, crisps, instant mash, **long life** fruit juice and milk, jam, shampoo, small bottles of cooking oil, toilet rolls, female deodorant, handwash, washing up liquid and laundry capsules. Donations to be placed in the basket in Tesco or the Co-op at Thornbury Fields, or left on the Baptist church steps on Wednesday mornings between 9am and 11am. **Gifts to be in-date please and un-opened.**

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. 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:

Luke 9 28-36

The Transfiguration

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus^[a] took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake,^[b] they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings,^[c] one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen;^[d] listen to him!' ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

KEY LINKS –Sunday 6th August

Services at St Mary's Livestreamed at:

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

Diocesan Bulletin:

<https://mailchi.mp/cac8308aad6f/the-weekly-bulletin-1-august-2023?e=fa9b105bbd>

BENEFICE PAGE OF PRAYER

Those who have asked for our prayers at this time:

Gareth Mullinex, Pam Latimer, Phil Jones, Joan Shipp, Angela Swan, Hughan Welch,
Joyce Barge, Jean Beaven, Gill and Chris Platt.

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

Recently departed: Angela Parnham. We pray for her family as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

FOR THE ENVIRONMENT- The Government is planting less than half of its annual target of trees, raising concerns about how it will meet its nature recovery and timber goals. The Environmental Audit Committee said it welcomes the Government's targets but that it is "very unlikely" it will meet them with only 2 autumn-spring planting seasons left before a March 2025 deadline. Woodland restoration is seen as critical for improving natural habitats.

FOR OUR WORLD – Flooding and high winds in Japan; flooding in Beijing, China. People are missing and people have died. Let us remember that behind dramatic headlines there are always families, children, old people in desperate need of rescue, medical care and temporary homes, food and water. We pray that other countries may offer support.

FOR OUR COMMUNITY– Following the local elections in May 2023, Thornbury Town Council announced that Cllr James Murray has been elected as the new Town Mayor and Chair of Council. We pray for James as he takes on this role and for all our other Councillors as well, as they carry out this important work for our Community.

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.