



The United Benefice of Thornbury with Oldbury and Shepperdine

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Sunday 8th October – TRINITY 18

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: Deuteronomy 8. 7-18, 2 Corinthians 9. 6-end, Luke 12. 16-30

Friday 6th October

7pm - Line Dancing at Naite Farm

Sunday 8th October

8.00am – Holy Communion at St Arilda's

9.00am – Holy Communion at St Paul's Harvest Festival

10.15am – *All Age Harvest Service at St Mary's

12.30pm – Harvest Lunch at St Mary's Hall

6.00pm – Choral Evensong at St Mary's

Tuesday 10th October
7.30pm until 9.00pm- Bell ringing practice
Thursday 12th October
9.00am – Hopscotch
Friday 13th October
7.30pm – Choir Practice
Saturday 14th October
10.00am – Dads and Kids Play group at St Mary's Hall
Sunday 15th October
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*

*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

Thank you - Dear everyone who came, who made cakes and biscuits, who put money through my door, brought items for the bring and buy, and went away with other items which you bought!

You are quite the most amazingly generous people! Never in my wildest dreams did I think we would raise £440 at the Macmillan cancer care coffee morning. There are families who will benefit from your kindness; we won't ever know them, but let's pray God's blessing on them as Macmillan work with them through a time of illness. Many thanks for all your giving of time, cooking talent and money. Jenny O

Church Hall Gardening - The Church Hall Committee would like to thank the 3 ladies who came to help weed and tidy up the gardens at the Church Hall on Saturday. Thanks to everyone's effort the gardens look so much better.

Treasurer's Role - We have not, so far, found the volunteer to take on this role and so we are looking at paying a company of accountants to carry out the bulk of the work. However, if anyone is able to help with the day to day local items, please do speak to Gill Young. We would very much appreciate this type of assistance.

Line Dance – Friday 6th October – For those who have tickets the address for line dancing is Naite Farm, The Naite, Oldbury-on-Severn, BS35 1RU.

Harvest Service at St Mary's – 8th October – This service will be run by the Children's Team and will also start a little earlier at **10.15** for tea and toast before starting the service. All are welcome!

Foodbank – Thank you for donating, the items will go to people in the local community who are struggling to afford the essentials.

Items that are most in need are: Tinned soup, tinned cold meats, tinned vegetables, rice pudding, sponge puddings, cooking oil, tinned fruit, washing up liquid, toilet rolls, deodorant, children's toothpaste. The full list is available on the notice boards. Can you please make sure all items are in date and unopened?

Donations can be placed in the Thornbury basket in Tesco, the Coop at Thornbury Fields or left on the Baptist church steps on Wednesday morning between 9.00am and 11.00am.

Thornbury Christmas Lights Association - Help needed for the Christmas lights. Volunteers are needed to help with: Design, create, service and hang over 100 Christmas lights. If you have a little time on a Sunday morning to help we would be very grateful. Meeting from 1st October – 19th November. Sunday Mornings from 8am- 12noon at the Wheatsheaf, 7 Chapel Street, Thornbury, BS35 2BJ. Contact thornburychristmaslights@gmail.com

Recycle/Re-use - Available: 10 lever arch files. Mostly black, a couple grey and one white. Little used and in very good condition. Also some section dividers. Call Robin on 01454 413650 or write randjgupta@gmail.com

Eco-Survey – Thank you to all who have completed the Eco Survey already. There is one week left to complete the survey. All your help completing these would be much appreciated. Paper copies available in St Mary's, St Paul's and St Arilda's to fill out and post in the box provided.

Mothers Union – Mothers Union Annual Service will be at St Mary's Church at 7.30pm on the 17th October.

Christian Books - Thornbury United Reformed Church will be selling new and second hand Christian books at the Church on the first Saturdays of each month. (7th October, 4th November and 2nd December). 10am – 12.00. Books for seasons in the Christian year, personal devotions and reading, greeting cards and seasonal gifts as part of the church's weekly coffee morning.

Film Night - Saturday 21st October 7pm at St Mary's Church Hall. The next movie is 'The Good Lie' starring Reese Witherspoon. A group of Sudanese refugees, given a chance to resettle in the U.S. arrives in Kansas City, Missouri, where their encounter with an employment agency counsellor forever changes all their lives. A heartwarming and uplifting movie.



Thornbury Picture House – On Friday 27th October 2023 Thornbury Picture house will 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

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.

The Office- The office in St Mary's is open 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 send any items for the newsletter to the office by 10am on the **Wednesday** of the week when you wish your item to appear. Send to: thornburybenefice@outlook.com. Thank you.

KEY LINKS –Sunday 8th October

Services at St Mary's Livestreamed at:

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

Diocesan Bulletin:

<https://mailchi.mp/dd0cc6d249bb/the-weekly-bulletin-3-october-2023?e=56d437cfb1>

GOSPEL READING:

Luke 12. 16-30

¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" ¹⁸ Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰ But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Do Not Worry

²² He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?^[a] ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;^[b] yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

BENEFICE PAGE OF PRAYER

Those who have asked for our prayers at this time:

Gareth Mullinex, Phil Jones, Angela Swan, Hughan Welch, Joyce Barge, Val Ricketts,
Hannah, 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 of Edna Thornbury and Richard Curnock
as they mourn the loss of their loved one at this time.

FOR THE ENVIRONMENT – One in six species is at risk of being lost in Great Britain, according to a comprehensive analysis by leading wildlife scientists.

Bird species such as turtle doves had the most worrying results in the report, with 43% at risk of extinction, but other much loved creatures such as the hazel dormouse, the lady's slipper orchid and the European eel also now face an uncertain future. The report argues that this is largely a result of human activities such as causing habitat loss, accelerating diseases such as avian flu via factory farming, and burning fossil fuels, which has altered the climate.

The State of Nature report, published in September states that since 1970, the abundance of the species studied in the report has declined on average by 19%, and nature continues to be in freefall. Amphibians and reptiles are also at risk, with 31% facing an uncertain future, and 28% of fungi and lichen species under threat.

Twenty-six per cent of terrestrial mammals in Great Britain are facing extinction.

There have also been declines in the distributions of more than half (54%) of flowering plant species. Beccy Speight, the RSPB's chief executive, said: "We know that conservation works and how to restore ecosystems and save species. We need to move far faster as a society towards nature-friendly land and sea use, otherwise the UK's nature and wider environment will continue to decline and degrade, with huge implications for our own way of life. It's only through working together that we can help nature recover."

FOR OUR WORLD – 8th – 14th October is Prisons Week. We pray for prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities and those working or volunteering in the criminal justice system.

FOR OUR COMMUNITY – 5th October is World Teacher Day. Prayers for, thanks for and admiration for our St Mary's and Oldbury teachers and for all Thornbury teachers in all our primary and the senior schools.