



The United Benefice of Thornbury with Oldbury and Shepperdine

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## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September – TRINITY 14

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: Ezekiel 33. 7-11, Romans 13. 8-end, Matthew 18. 15-20*

**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**

**8.00am** – 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

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

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

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

**11.00am** – Baptisms at St Mary's Church

**4.00pm** – Wedding at St Mary's Church

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

**9.00am** – All Age 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**

**Heritage Open Day** –Heritage Open day is this Saturday. 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.

The tower is open, all tours are now full but please contact the office to be added to a reservation list.

If for any reason you need to cancel your booking last minute, please do call the office and leave a message and we will free up your space for others.

**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.



**Fundraising for St John's Church, Chipping Sodbury** – St John's Church is needing extensive repairs and to raise money the team at Chipping Sodbury are holding 2 events.

1. *Flower Festival – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 10am – 5pm*

The festival will showcase Disney themed flower displays by Sodbury and District Flower Arranging Society.

2. *Community Concert – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 6pm*

Local musicians from the Sodbury area, local schools and members of the Sodbury Musical Comedy Club will perform much loved Disney music and songs. There will even be a chance to singalong too! Refreshments will be available.

**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>.

**Food Bank** – A new shopping list is available for August – a copy is attached with the newsletter – there are copies on the noticeboards.

This month's shopping list includes:

- Tinned fruit
- Instant coffee
- Dried Beans/pulses
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Instant noodles
- Tinned Potatoes
- Small washing powder
- Shampoo / Conditioner.

The food bank has surplus of pasta, baked beans, cereal, tea.

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.**

Thank you!

**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:**

Matthew 18. 15-20

Jesus spoke to his disciples. 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

## **KEY LINKS –Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

Services at St Mary's Livestreamed at:

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

Diocesan Bulletin:

<https://mailchi.mp/2389efc1d355/the-weekly-bulletin-5-september-2023?e=56d437cfb1>

## **BENEFICE PAGE OF PRAYER**

Those who have asked for our prayers at this time:

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

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

Recently departed: We pray for the families of Joan Shipp and Ruby Jenkins as they  
mourn the loss of their loved one at this time.

**FOR THE ENVIRONMENT** - Two miles under the dark ocean off California, 20,000 pearl octopuses use the gentle heat of nearby volcanic springs to help their babies hatch faster. The pearl octopuses, so named because from a distance they look like scattered gems, seek out warm water seeping through the seabed and use it to speed up the hatching of their eggs. The mauve, grapefruit-sized female octopuses each lay about 60 eggs and cement them to the bare rock, then guard them until they hatch. Temperature probes showed the water bathing the eggs ranged from 5C to 10C (40-50F), while less than a meter away it dropped to a frigid 1.6C. The higher temperatures mean that rather than taking a decade or longer to hatch, as would happen in the very cold deep sea, baby octopuses emerge from their cosy nests after less than two years, dramatically boosting their chances of survival.



Image from theguardian.com

**FOR OUR WORLD** – Did you know that the way we grow food is contributing to air pollution, dying rivers, depleted soils and a rapidly warming climate? Emissions from fossil-fuel based nitrogen fertilisers used in intensive farming are contributing to the climate emergency. This fossil fuel-reliant system has been a quick fix for producing more food but has come at a huge cost to nature, climate and human health.

**FOR OUR COMMUNITY** – Did you know September is Friendship month! Friendship Month is all about highlighting the importance of what friends mean and celebrating what friendship brings to all our lives every day! Friendship Month is something you can recognize privately by spending more time with your friends or maybe reaching out to an old friend or distant friend.