



The United Benefice of Thornbury with Oldbury and Shepperdine



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## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August–TRINITY10

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: 1 Kings 19 9-18; Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-33*

**Dads and Kids meet at Mundy Playing Fields from 10 to 12 for games and picnic on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August**  
**7.30pm until 9.00pm**- Bell ringing practice  
**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August**  
10am – Holy Communion with prayers for MU at St Mary's  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August**  
3.45pm Memorial Service for Angela Parnham  
**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August**  
**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**

**All Age Service** – This week the All Age service will be led by the confirmation children. We are hoping to grow our children's team and would be grateful for the support from all the congregation. If your children are interested in joining the team please contact Revd Joy.

**Thank you message** from Ruth Parker "Thank you all so much for your kind words, cards and presents for my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. I am so touched by everyone's kindness. The thoughtfulness and loveliness of my church family means a great deal to me. Thank you for your kindness, your friendship and your love. It is very important to me thank you, God bless you all."

**Home Study Groups** - There is provision for new home groups for those who are looking to join one. Please talk to Revd Joy or drop her an e-mail if you are interested. Also, **to leaders of existing home study groups**, please contact Revd Joy as she would like to visit your group when it is meeting, so as to encourage you. 01454 419229 or [joyeludlow@outlook.com](mailto:joyeludlow@outlook.com)

**Presentation on “The Peoples of Northwest China”** – Hugh Batty will be returning to China at the end of the month and on the 21<sup>st</sup> August he will be hosting a presentation entitled “The Peoples of Central Northwest China” at the Oldbury Memorial Hall.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – please save the date** to join us at St Mary’s Church for a Macmillan Coffee Morning from 10.30am.

**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. We will be starting from St. Mary’s Shepperdine at 10:00am with a short act of worship before setting off for St Arilda’s where we will stop for lunch (please bring your own packed lunch). We will have another short act of worship and will leave there at about 1:00pm, walk across the fields to St. Mary’s, Thornbury arriving at about 2:30pm and then walking up to St. Paul’s to finish with a shortened Evening Prayer at about 4:00pm. Both St. Paul’s and St, Mary’s will be open for visitors and walkers and cyclists taking part from other groups. Attendance sheets at any of the four churches will be signed by a representative at each church.

If anyone who is intending to join Revd Tom for any part of the walk could let him know in advance. Please make your own transport arrangements.

If anyone could offer Revd Tom a lift either to Shepperdine in the morning or to take him to pick up his car in the evening he would be very grateful.

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> which is the preferred method of giving but if you would rather donate by cash or cheque please make cheques payable to Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust and get them to Revd Tom. If you can gift aid please also leave your name, first line of address and post code with your donation. Half the money raised will be returned to our benefice and be divided between our two PCCs.

**An Afternoon of Home-baked Cakes and Ice cream** - Come and support The Alzheimer society and Fund raising for the United Reformed Church chair fund. Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August. 3-5pm at United Reformed Church on Rock Street, Thornbury. There will be arts and a wonderful raffle available.

**Heritage Open Day** – We are starting to plan for the Heritage Open day on the 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Family looking for rental accommodation** – Elliot Mocharrafi, his wife and 2 children are looking to move to Thornbury. They have changed jobs after working at Christ Church Clifton. Do you have or know of any suitable rental accommodation to offer them?

**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 14. 22-33

22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. 25 And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

28 Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' 29 He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. 30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' 32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

## **KEY LINKS –Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

Services at St Mary's Livestreamed at:

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

Diocesan Bulletin:

<https://mailchi.mp/4627ff3b326b/the-weekly-bulletin-8-august-2023?e=56d437cfb1>

## **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, Stuart Elliot, Jean Beaven, 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 Angela Parnham's family as they mourn the loss of their loved one at this time.

**FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**- The Wave (Bristol's inland surf facility) had made a commitment from the outset to only use renewable energy and there was always a plan to incorporate its own renewable energy generation on site. The business has seen the installation of solar PV modules across the site and includes a solar canopy over part of the car park and a solar flower, which will act as an engaging renewable energy educational tool for visitors and school visits. The solar panels are designed like petals which expand and contract depending on the time of the day, and it also follows the sun during the day for optimal energy absorption. If you are visiting The Wave this summer do take a closer look.

**FOR OUR WORLD** –Mozambique is still grappling with a military insurgency in parts of the gas-rich province of Cabo Delgado where the four-year conflict has caused an estimated 4,000 deaths and displaced nearly one million people. About four million people are likely to face high levels of food insecurity as a result of the combined effects of climate shocks and the conflict. Pray that God will bring peace in Mozambique.

**FOR OUR COMMUNITY** – Let's remember those in Thornbury who have need to consult New Start Debt Advice and pray for the volunteers who assist and advise in these difficult situations.

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.