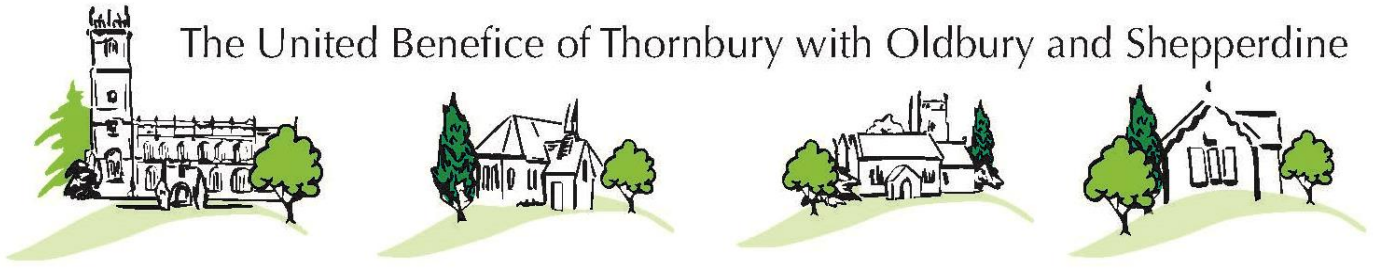


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Sunday 22nd October – TRINITY 20

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

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: Isaiah 45: 1-7, 1 Thessalonians 1. 1-10, Matthew 22: 15-22

Friday 20th October

7.30pm – Choir Practice at St Mary's

Saturday 21st October

7.00pm – Film Night at St Mary's Church Hall

Sunday 22nd October

9.00am – Holy Communion at St Paul's

10.30am – *Holy Communion at St Mary's

3.00pm – Muddy Praise at St Mary's

6.00pm – BCP Evensong at St Arilda's
Monday 23rd October
12:00noon – Funeral for Edna Thornbury at St Mary's
Tuesday 24th October
7.30pm until 9.00pm- Bell ringing practice
Thursday 26th October
9.00am – Hopscotch at St Mary's
Friday 27th October
7.30pm – Choir Practice at St Mary's
Saturday 28th October
3.00pm - Bereavement Service at St Mary's
Sunday 29th October
8.00am– *Holy Communion at St Mary's
10.00am – Benefice Service – Tea and Toast at St Mary's Church Hall

**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

Bereavement Service – Will take place on Saturday 28th October at St Mary's Church at 3pm. All are welcome to attend what will be a short, reflective service with refreshments at the end.

All Souls – Thursday 2nd November 7pm St Mary's Church – Please do send in any names you would like to be read out during the service for All Souls on 2nd November. Please email Alice on thornburybenefice@outlook.com

Remembrance Service - We are expecting a large number of people at the Remembrance service being held at St Mary's on the 12th of November at 10.30 am. If you are able to help stewarding at this service we would be very grateful please let Mike, Robin or Jenny know if you are available to help.

Sustainable Thornbury – Walking the Biodiversity Ring
Sustainable Thornbury have planned some walks around sections of the Biodiversity Ring to explore the route in easy, short stages. All are welcome!

The series of walks will make use of the accessible streamside walk to link several sections of the route, allowing us to compare the state of nature inside and outside the Town. You can find more information (including a map) about our Biodiversity Ring [here](#).

1. Saturday 21st October: "On The Edge". Meet at 1.30 p.m. at The Anchor pub on Gloucester Road.

This walk entitled "On the Edge" is approximately 5km long and includes four stiles. It explores the positive and negative impacts of housing development on the countryside.

Please wear suitable footwear and clothing and bring your own refreshments. If you would like more information about either the walks please contact me via

cats@sustainablethornbury.org

If you cannot make this walk don't worry, the second walk will be held on November 12th.

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

Mariposa Trust and a service at Malmesbury Abbey – On the 11th November at 4pm, Malmesbury Abbey are hosting a special service for Baby loss remembrance and support. The service is for anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. The service is also welcome to any who are grieving the fact that they haven't had children for any reason. Babies and children are also invited as this will be a family event. All are welcome. For more information, please visit <https://www.sayinggoodbye.org/>

Intercessor Refresher and Private Prayer Training - Intercessors and members of St Paul's team who have agreed to take private prayer times, have been invited to a refresher training morning on **Saturday 18th November 2023 at St Mary's Church.**

The first session will start at 10am with intercessor refresher training; break at 11am for refreshments and then cover private prayer from 11.15am on, in the second session.

If you would like to come to training, (either session or both sessions) even if you do not yet take intercessions or have not yet volunteered for private prayer cover, please do.

Please let Alice know if you would like to attend. thornburybenefice@outlook.org or tel 01454 281900

Ukrainian Christmas Delivery – "The Store" in Thornbury is working with "From Bristol to Ukraine with Love" Charity to deliver essential items to those who have been left behind. The refugees living with hosts in Thornbury are writing notes and Christmas Cards to be included in our delivery. The minibus will leave for Ukraine in the middle of November. It will return with 10 refugees and those who have been injured. This is now the 7th trip. Your help to fill the minibus would be MUCH appreciated - items to be delivered to "The Store" at The Methodist Hall on Mondays 10.30 - 12.30 or Friday's 10.00 - 12.00 (1st Friday in month 1.00p- 3.00p) or phone Jacquie Rinaldi for collection 01454 602150.

Items needed: Dry and tinned food. Cold and flu medicine. First Aid kits. Wet wipes and toiletries. Hand and feet warmers. Portable generators, power stations, power banks. Mens underwear and socks. Fleeces and coats. Baby food and nappies. Incontinence pads. Sleeping bags and ground mats. Pet Food, pet carriers. Candles, torches, batteries. Water treatment tablets, mould treatment, plastic water containers. Walking boots.

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

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", we felt many folk have inspirational books which they have enjoyed reading and might be willing to share with others, here is your opportunity!

The library boxes are at the back of the church at St Mary's and on a windowsill in St Paul's room.

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.

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- Next week (Half term) the office in St Mary's will be open during the hours of 10am and 2pm, **Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday**. 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 22nd October

Services at St Mary's Livestreamed at:

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

Diocesan Bulletin:

<https://mailchi.mp/c14724f85e54/the-weekly-bulletin-17-october-2023?e=56d437cfb1>

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 22:15-22

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. 16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. 20 Then he said to

them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' 21They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' 22When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away

BENEFICE PAGE OF PRAYER

Those who have asked for our prayers at this time:

Gareth Mullinex, Angela Swan, Hughan Welch, Joyce Barge, Val Ricketts, Hannah, Stuart Elliott, Verity Barker, Gill and Chris Platt.

Those for whom we regularly pray: Roger Holliday, Geoff Fison, Betty Hayes.

Recently departed: We pray for the families of Brenda Hussey, Jeanette Davies, Edna Thornbury and Richard Cornock as they mourn the loss of their loved one at this time.

FOR THE ENVIRONMENT – The Gloucestershire wildlife trust has secured £340,000 from Natural England's Species Recovery Program. The aim is to ensure the future of some of our most endangered species. Gloucestershire wildlife trust is focusing on recovering the adder population on the Cotswold Escarpment and the River Frome native white clawed crayfish. Enhancing the habitats by planting hedgerows and managing scrub land for adders. Whilst for the crayfish, which are threatened by the no-native North American signal crayfish, will mean techniques such as translocation and natural flood management to build the native species resilience.

FOR OUR WORLD – Conflict in Israel and Gaza

Pray for all those grieving and devastated by the violence, including children, older people and people with disabilities. Pray for a breakthrough to bring an end to this recent escalation and ask God to bring peace to the wider Israel–Palestinian conflict. Pray for churches, Christian communities and faith leaders across the region to help others and bridge divides.

FOR OUR COMMUNITY – Please help Gloucestershire Wildlife trust who are trying to build a clearer picture of the county's wildlife and habitats away from the reserve areas. How about giving this 'Wild about Gardens' survey a go?

<https://www.gloucestershiREWildlifetrust.co.uk/WAG23>

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