



The United Benefice of Thornbury with Oldbury and Shepperdine

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## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY – TRINITY 7

Services are held within our churches and live streamed 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: Isaiah 44: 6-8; Romans 8: 12-25; Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43*

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

**9.00am** – Holy Communion at St Paul's

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

**4pm** – Muddy Praise at the Vicarage

**6.00pm** – St Arilda's Day Service at St Arilda's

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July**  
**12pm** – Funeral Service at St Mary's  
**7.30pm until 9.00pm** - Bell ringing practice  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July**  
**7.30pm** - Choir Practice in St Mary's  
**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July**  
**8am** – Holy Communion St Paul's  
**3pm** – Bring'n share Garden Party at St Mary's  
**5.30pm** - Benefice Service 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**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 8am Holy Communion Service will be held at St Paul's**

**Bring n' Share Garden Party** – The garden party will take place on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July. Please sign up to bring a selection of food, the list of food contributions will close on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Thank you for all those who have signed up already.

**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!

This year there is a nationwide theme of 'creativity', and we will be showcasing some local artistic and crafting talents. Also, Mothers Union will have a plant and craft stall and the catering team will be serving refreshments all afternoon.

St Mary's church tower will also be open for pre-booked tours. Please contact the office for more details. Come take a look at the bells and the beautiful vista from the top of the tower! There are 133 uneven, large steps to climb and there is no disabled access and all participants must be 8+.

Ride and Stride participants are welcome from 10am.

**Thornbury Food Bank** – We have had the summer newsletter and they have reported *“In June this year we marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Thornbury Foodbank.....The number of clients coming to us has remained fairly constant over the past 6 months. From 1 January to 30 June 2023, we fed 410 adults and 328 children. We issued 8.02 tonnes of food and other essentials, and received 5.8 tonnes of donations. Compared with the same period last year, number of adults fed is up by 18% and the number of children is up by 20%.”*To read more information please see the attached Newsletter.

**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.

### **KEY LINKS – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

Services at St Mary's Livestreamed at:

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

Diocesan Bulletin:

<https://mailchi.mp/4c84f30ea90e/the-weekly-bulletin-18-july-1355093?e=56d437cfb1>

## **GOSPEL READING:**

### **Matthew 13.24-30 36-43**

24 He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; 25but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. 26So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. 27And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" 28He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" 29But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. 30Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '

36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' 37He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; 38the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, 39and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 42and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

## **BENEFICE PAGE OF PRAYER**

Those who have asked for our prayers at this time:

Gareth Mullinex, Pam Latimer, Phil Jones, Jane Parfitt, Joan Shipp, Angela Swan, Hughan Welch, Emma Stuart, Margaret Woodford, Joyce Barge, Jean Beaven, Gill and Chris Platt.

Those for whom we regularly pray: Roger Holliday, Barbara Howell, Geoff Fison.

Recently departed: Mr Peter Woodman, we pray for his family as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

**FOR THE ENVIRONMENT** - GreenShades offer a new optimized solution to generate shadows and introduce nature in commercial streets, terraces and squares.

They have been installed in Santa Maria street in Valladolid, Spain. 1m<sup>2</sup> of vegetated surface generates the oxygen required by a person throughout the year, and filters harmful gases, improving the air quality of the environments where it is installed.



It also reduces noise pollution through the absorption of waves by the substrate and the reflection of the vegetation. The spaces and projects created reduce the temperature both in their surroundings and under the roof acting as plant air conditioners with a cooling power of 112 frigories/m<sup>2</sup>. Further information at <https://www.singulargreen.com/en/green-shades-valladolid/>

**FOR OUR WORLD** – The Women’s International Football World Cup is starting this Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July, hosted in New Zealand. We hope for the safety of players and crowds, and we can all celebrate this international competition.

<https://www.fifa.com/fifaplus/en/tournaments/womens/womensworldcup/australia-new-zealand2023>

**FOR OUR COMMUNITY** – As the children break up from school we pray that everyone has a happy and safe holiday and that the teachers and staff enjoy a relaxing break ready for September!

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.