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Sunday 24th September – TRINITY 16

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: Jonah 3.10-4.11, Philipians 1. 21-30, Matthew 20. 1-16

Sunday 24th September

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 – Harvest Evensong BCP at Shepperdine

Tuesday 26th September

7.30pm until 9.00pm- Bell ringing practice

Thursday 28th September

9am – Hopscotch at St Mary's Church

7.30pm – Thornbury Arts Festival -The Big Gospel Choir at St Mary's Church

Friday 29th September

10.30 – Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care

7.30pm – Choir Practice at St Mary's

Sunday 1st October

9.00am – Holy Communion at St Paul's

10.30am – *Holy Communion at St Mary's

4.00pm – Refresh! Harvest Festival and Baptism

**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

Eco-Survey – Attached with this Newsletter is the Eco Survey. The Eco Committee would very much appreciate your help completing the survey and returning it either by email to thornburybenefice@outlook.com or if you would like to complete it on paper we have copies in St Mary's, St Paul's and St Arilda's.

Request for Car lift – If anyone visits Beech House Care home regularly and would be able to help another person with a car lift enabling them to visit their loved one we would be most grateful. Please do contact the office if you would like more details.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 29th September at 10.30am in St Mary's Church, Castle Street, Thornbury. There will be tea, coffee, and cake. There will be the opportunity to bring and buy items and there will be some games to play. Looking forward to a happy morning, with lots of proceeds to go towards the wonderful work carried out by Macmillan.

Jenny Ovens (01454 414727 or jennyovensbb@tiscali.co.uk)

Line Dance – Friday 6th October – The tickets are now available! Please speak to the following people at each church regarding tickets.

St Pauls – Gill Spiller, St Marys – Ruth Piolle, Oldbury/St Arilda's – Sandra Grey.

Tickets are £10 per adult, children are free and families are most welcome!

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!

Harvest Lunch – Sunday 8th October - Harvest Lunch will be at St Mary's Hall. The sign-up sheets for attending are in the Churches. There is a separate sign-up sheet to notify us if you would like to contribute a seasonal dessert such as apple crumble. For Puddings please NO NUTS of any type to be used.

Sustainable Thornbury - www.sustainablethornbury.org As part of our Eco Church journey we link with other local environmental organisations sharing similar concerns. Some Church members are also Sustainable Thornbury members. Membership is free. If you would like to find out more about what they do you are very welcome to attend the quarterly business meeting being held on Zoom on Monday 18th Sept at 7.30pm. To request the Zoom link please email Secretary Melinda <cats@sustainablethornbury.org>

Film Night - Saturday 21st October 7pm at St Mary's Church Hall. The next movie is 'The Good Life' 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.



Friday 27th October 2023 – Thornbury Picture house 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.

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 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.

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 20:1-16

20 Jesus said 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴ and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷ They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³ But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

KEY LINKS –Sunday 24th September

Services at St Mary's Livestreamed at:

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

Diocesan Bulletin:

<https://mailchi.mp/dd18fdb81b01/the-weekly-bulletin-19-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, Val Ricketts, Hannah, Stuart Elliott, Gill and Chris Platt.

Those for whom we regularly pray: Roger Holliday, Barbara Howell, Geoff Fison, Betty Hayes, Diana Jarvis and Sheila Jones.

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

FOR THE ENVIRONMENT – Every Year since 1965 the Natural History Museum in London hosts the Wild Life photography competition. It is a real feast for the eyes and a celebration of the natural world we live in. This year the winners will be announced on the 10th October. Please do look here at last years selection!

<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/wpy/gallery?tags=ed.current> I wonder what this year will bring.

FOR OUR WORLD –

The UN World Food Programme is working hard to reach people affected by the catastrophic floods in Libya on Sunday, 10 September. As you may have seen, it is thought that over 5,000 people lost their lives, more than 9,000 are unaccounted for and over 40,000 are estimated to have been displaced. In the port of Derna – the most devastated area – many were sleeping when Storm Daniel hit, bursting two dams. The floodwater swept entire neighbourhoods out to sea.



FOR OUR COMMUNITY – The Autumns equinox, indicating the end of Summer and a change of the seasons, marks the celebrations of the Harvest festival period. It brings with it a time of reflection and thankfulness for the abundance of food we are fortunate to have, whilst also remembering those who don't have access to the most basic of necessities. This Harvest could you support the Food Bank with a donation of food or funds to help local people in crisis? The donations given this Harvest time will be given to the local food bank. Please check the September food back for the latest list of items. The most needed items are:

Tinned soup

Brown and tomato sauce

Tinned cold meat

Tinned spaghetti

Noodles/Instant meals

Tinned chickpeas/kidney beans etc

Rice pudding

Crisps

Instant mash

Long life fruit juice

Long life Milk

Jam

Cooking oil – 1L bottles

Shampoo

Children's toothpaste

Toilet rolls

Washing up liquid

Laundry capsules