



United Benefice of Thornbury and Oldbury with Shepperdine

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18 July 2021 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity



**Services are offered within our church buildings, and also livestreamed via YouTube, as listed in this, our weekly Newsletter. If you would like to attend church services, following Covid-19 safety guidelines, please book in advance: Shepperdine is open as a place of pilgrimage and private prayer.**

**For St Arilda's and Shepperdine bookings please contact Andrew Gazard on 07831 849 742 or [naitefarm@gmail.com](mailto:naitefarm@gmail.com)**

**For St Paul's and St Mary's please contact Jenny Ovens on 01454 414727 or [jennyovensbb@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jennyovensbb@tiscali.co.uk)**

**If you know or hear of anyone who is not online but is in need of 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) & Sandra Grey (01454 260316).**

**Do 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>**

**Sunday 18 July: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

10.30am Communion Service at St Mary's

6.00pm Patronal Festival Service at St Arilda's

*(Please book in advance with either Jenny Ovens or Andrew Gazard.*

*St Mary's service will also be **\*live streamed**.)*

**Readings:** 2 Samuel 7.1-14a; Psalm 89 20-37; Ephesians 2.11-end; Mark 6.30-34,53-end.

**Tuesday 20 July**

12.30pm Memorial Service for George Mills at St Mary's

**Wednesday 21 July**

9.00am St Mary's Primary School end of year service in St Mary's School field

In our prayers today - Interment of Vivienne Larkin's Ashes at The Memorial Woodlands

2.00pm Funeral Service for Jean Gulwell at St Mary's

**Friday 23 July**

7.30pm Choir Practice at St Mary's

**Sunday 25 July: 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

10.30am Communion Service at St Mary's

6.00pm Choral Evensong at St Mary's

*(Please book in advance with either Jenny Ovens or Andrew Gazard.*

*The service at St Mary's will also be **\*live streamed.**)*

## **NOTICES AND EVENTS**

**Covid-19 Precautions** – In the light of the numbers of cases still arising in our area, we have decided that some Covid precautions will remain in place until, at least, the end of July. Please wear a face covering to services in church and please continue to book in as usual. For the time being there will not be any indoor singing, other than by the choir, as before. Once we have more directions from the Diocese we may relax these precautions, but in the meantime please respect others and follow our lead. Thank you.

Mike, Robin & Jenny.

**\*Live streaming** – If you are unable to make it to church, please do use our Church [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNkUbB6tYzHdbDPJFSkdaZA) 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.

### **Remember in our prayers this month's Mission**

- **Church Army**, a mission-focused community who are committed to sharing the Christian faith through words and action. They are Christians on a mission to change lives by tackling social deprivation. They do not shy away from challenges and strive to help those most in need. Find out more at their new website at [www.churcharmy.org.uk](http://www.churcharmy.org.uk)

### **Notices for the Bumper Newsletter!**

The Church Office will be closed for the summer break throughout August, so please do send us any news of upcoming events **no later than 27 July**, if you would like details included in this special extended edition (i.e., to cover August to early September).

Your photos are welcome too!



**Monday Midday Mindfulness** – organised by Gloucester Diocese, is a half hour of mindfulness every Monday at 12 noon. Open to all. Please email [rcameron@glosdioc.org.uk](mailto:rcameron@glosdioc.org.uk) if you would like to receive the Zoom link to join.

**Eco Church** – The first Sustaining Church conference will be hosted online by Hazelnut Community Farm, Trinity College Bristol and A Rocha UK from **Wednesday 21 – Thursday 22 July 2021**. ‘Our vision is to bring together theological thinking on creation care with those who are actively growing or starting Christian communities which care for land. We think that you will, like us, be inspired by the brilliant programme.’ For more information and if you would like to register your interest, please see the link below: [https://hazelnutcommunityfarm.com/conference?utm\\_source=Diocese+of+Gloucester&utm\\_campaign=1abbf121a0-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2021\\_02\\_03\\_08\\_25\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_69ea2ab3ba-1abbf121a0-149186413](https://hazelnutcommunityfarm.com/conference?utm_source=Diocese+of+Gloucester&utm_campaign=1abbf121a0-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_02_03_08_25_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_69ea2ab3ba-1abbf121a0-149186413)

**Heritage Open Day & Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust – Ride and Stride – Saturday 11 September** - This year GHCT marks its 40th year of helping historic churches in our area. Our own churches have benefitted from such grants. The GHCT website at <https://ghct.org.uk/> gives more information. The main fundraising event is “Ride and Stride” on Saturday 11 September, coinciding with **Heritage Open Day**. We hope we will be able to open our churches on that day to welcome visitors. As in previous years, I intend to walk around the churches in our benefice to raise funds. Please keep an eye on the newsletter and notice boards for details nearer the time. If you would like to sponsor the benefice team who will be walking you can do so by visiting my Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thomas-keates4> which is the preferred method of giving. Or please make cheques payable to Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust. If you can gift aid please also leave your name, first line of address and post code with your donation which can either be given to me or left in an envelope in the church mail box (cash also accepted this way). Half the money raised will be returned to our benefice and be divided between our two PCCs. Thank you, Revd Tom.

### **From the William Temple Foundation: Staying with the Trouble**

Staying with the Trouble offers conversations about the troubles facing society and the insights public theology can bring to them. The podcast is hosted by Tim Howles and produced by Rosie Dawson, both Research Fellows at the William Temple Foundation. You can find more details about the episodes available and listen through the website: [https://williamtemplefoundation.org.uk/podcast/?utm\\_source=Diocese+of+Gloucester&utm\\_campaign=1abbf121a0-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2021\\_02\\_03\\_08\\_25\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_69ea2ab3ba-1abbf121a0-149186413](https://williamtemplefoundation.org.uk/podcast/?utm_source=Diocese+of+Gloucester&utm_campaign=1abbf121a0-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_02_03_08_25_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_69ea2ab3ba-1abbf121a0-149186413):

### **Diocesan Bulletin** -

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**Contactless Giving** – Our card-only donation machine is located just inside the door of St Mary's on the right-hand side. Donations are accepted from a contactless card up to the value of £45. A "chip and pin" facility on the machine enables donations above this.

**The Parish Giving Scheme** remains the most suitable way to give donations, particularly for those able to Gift Aid, which is not available on our contactless machine. You can do it all online if you prefer - set up a new donation or amend a current donation. The website is [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk) and it's very easy to find ‘St Mary's Thornbury’. The Thornbury code is THRN. Phone helpline: 0333 002 1271 or contact Gill Young via the benefice office. Thank you!

**We Pray this week for:**

Mabel Choularton, Theresa Holliday, Jean Thompson,  
Diana Jervis, John Ackland, Betty Hayes & Bob Griffin.

And those for whom we regularly pray: **Mick Spiller, Aileen Acton, Suzanne Elliott,  
Elizabeth Fry, Dilys Cockerell & Geoff Fison.**

We pray for those who are recently departed:

**William Powell, Liam McBride, Wendy Harvey, Jean Gulwell & Roger Fisher.**

And at this time of year:

**Ian Geal, Sybil Pitts, Noreen Robins & Eileen Newman.**

**We also pray for:**

**Our Mission Partners, For our National Church  
God's Creation and our response to Environmental issues.**

**For Governments and our Leaders.**



**Pastoral and bereavement care groups** – Pastoral team members provide support to those in particular need, but we seek more help! If you are interested in helping on the pastoral or bereavement teams, please contact Sheila Jones on 01454 412989. Your phone calls can build existing connections with friends from the community; your ministry and care for one another is a vital part of our church life together.

**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 contact Sheila Jones on 412989.

**'LIFE' Prayer'**

God of hope and transformation, who in our Lord Jesus Christ offers the gift of life in all its fullness, send your Holy Spirit and grant us joy in our following and vision in our leadership. May we be rich in imagination, confident in faith, and courageous in our engagement with the people and places of this diocese. As we share your life with the world, keep us rooted and grounded in love as we bear witness to your glory and pray for your Kingdom to come.

**AMEN**

Newsletter notices - If you have items to add to the Newsletter, including seasonal, reflective and / or cheerful photos, do please email our Benefice Office: [thornburybenefice@outlook.com](mailto:thornburybenefice@outlook.com) by Wednesday morning at the latest please, for the following week's edition. Thank you.

# Key links

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by Ian Larkin