



# St Mary's Church, Thorpe

## Summer 2022 Quarterly News



**Welcome** *St Mary's Church is to be found at the heart of Thorpe Village in Church Approach beside TASIS England off Coldharbour Lane. Our Village Church has been a central presence for Thorpe and surrounding communities since early medieval times and continues to offer a very warm and inclusive welcome for all.*

Visit: [www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchThorpe](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchThorpe)

A Message from the Revd. Damian Harrison-Miles, our Vicar.

In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, after 70 years of service to our Nation and the wider Commonwealth. Events to mark this momentous occasion will take place over a special bank holiday weekend, 2nd to 5th June. Here in Thorpe St Mary's Church (along with TASIS south campus) will be hosting a fantastic garden party on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 12nn-4pm to which you are warmly invited. There will be all the fun of the fair, food including cream teas at church and a flower festival. We would love you to bring a vase or small arrangement of flowers for display inside the church (drop them off on Friday morning from 9-11am). There is a fancy-dress competition for the children, and The Egham band will lead singing too. You can find out much more at: <https://www.stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk/jubilee>. During Her Majesty The Queen's 70-year reign, so much in society and British culture has changed and that is both in some ways positive but also challenging. For one thing at St Mary's, we rejoice in our inclusivity: having a female curate and a diverse congregation which is always here for Thorpe in the good times and the bad. We are called to service, as Christians and that means, like the Queen whose faith is a marker of her life and work, we believe we are life-long learners in the school of Christ. Whatever age we are or talents and gifts we possess, and whatever the challenges, by working together with mutual respect and support, we can achieve so much – together. I know faith doesn't come easily to everyone, and some question the importance of Church today. I believe passionately that building community and gathering to worship and offering back to God thanksgivings and praise for all that we have and enjoy, while praying for healing, renewal and wholeness brings great joy and contentment to our lives. Our Queen models this in her lived-out faith, and we rightly give thanks for her 70 years of service and dedication. With every blessing, from your friend and parish priest,  
*Damian Harrison-Miles.*



## Contact Us!

[www.stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk](http://www.stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk)

The church is open for visitors:

Email: [stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk](mailto:stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk)

St Mary's Church Thorpe, Church Approach, Thorpe Village, TW20 8TQ

Parish Office Number: 01932 565986

Wednesday 9.30am – 3pm

Sundays from 8am until 12noon

Call: 01932 565986



# WEEKLY SERVICES AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, THORPE

## Sundays

8am Said Eucharist

10am Parish Eucharist

11:30am Family Service

12noon Holy Baptisms

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday monthly

## Wednesday

11am Said Eucharist

Worship is live streamed to Facebook & our website:

<https://www.stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk/videos>

<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchThorpe>

There is Always a Welcome for All at St Mary's Church

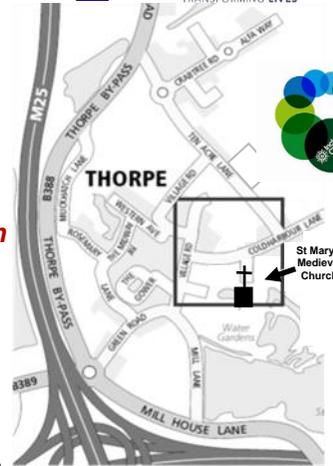
We serve Thorpe Village, Thorpe Lea, Thorpe Green, Chertsey Lane and surrounding communities.

Visit our church website for more information about your local village church. [www.stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk](http://www.stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk)

For support with planning a wedding, blessing, funerals at the crematorium, church, and graveside, to have your child baptised (christened), adult baptism and confirmation or just to chat please contact the Parish Office on 01932 565986.



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St Mary's  
Medieval  
Church

## SUNDAY 11:30AM

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday monthly

### FAMILY SERVICE

for children and parents with fun songs, interactive talk and craft.



## THURSDAYS 9 - 11:30am

### NOAH'S ARK

Held in the Rutherwyke Room (behind St Mary's) - £2 per child, Café open for parents, singing and story time at 11am.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY MONTHLY 4pm

### LEGO CLUB

for children and parents with fun songs, interactive talk and craft.  
£2pp – with pizza/pasta included.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY MONTHLY 11am

### HEALING MINISTRY

Talk to a minister about your challenges, with prayer and anointing as we seek wholeness and renewal.



### Flowers in Church – to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

Have a go at making a small arrangement! It could be in a vase, or jam jar – just a small decoration for one of the windowsills in and around St Mary's Church for the Jubilee weekend. Drop off Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, from 9-11am.

### From St Mary's Church Registers for March, April & May 2022

Confirmations: 29/5 Matthew & Sophie Gaute. Baptisms: 24/4 Henry Carey, 22/5 Teddy Ebsworth, Frankie-Ray Manners. Burial of Ashes: 16/3 Margaret Keel, 07/5 Bryan Lowe. Funerals: 04/3 Pamela Payne, 26/5 Michael Morris. Weddings: 21/5 Matthew Gaute & Sophie Prickett, Jamie Matts & Charlotte Murphy, 04/6 Emma Binley & Oliver Donaldson.

# ST MARY'S EVENTS CALENDAR

## SUMMER 2022

### Platinum Jubilee Party

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 12noon – 4pm in St Mary's Church (with Flower displays) and TASIS south campus grounds.



Every **Tuesday** from **7<sup>th</sup> June to 12<sup>th</sup> July** (5 weeks)  
**Living in Love & Faith** – discussion course –  
in the Rutherwyke Room. Refreshments served.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June - 7:30pm - Corpus Christi**

Sung Festival Eucharist with choir in Church,  
followed by wine in the Rutherwyke Room.



**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June – 3pm – Civic Service** – with choir in Church  
followed by refreshments, kindly provided by TASIS.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June – time?**

**Thorpe Primary School Summer Fair**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August – 6pm – Transfiguration**

Compline by Candlelight with Choir  
followed by our annual summer bring & share  
Wine & Cheese party in the Rutherwyke Room.



**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September – The Blessed Virgin Mary** – Patronal  
Festival. **10am Sung Festival Eucharist** with choir and guest  
preacher, the Very Revd Dianna Gwilliams, Dean of Guildford  
Cathedral. Followed by Parish Lunch in the Rutherwyke Room.

## Meet Eco Church St Mary's!

We are pleased to announce that

St Mary's is now a Silver Eco Church!



...but what does that mean? Eco Church is run by Christian environmental charity A Rocha and is a programme accrediting churches of all denominations for their eco-friendly expressions. It takes a holistic approach to Christian Environmental Stewardship, way beyond “Zero Carb”, based on Psalm 24:1 “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it” and built around five categories: Worship/Teaching, Buildings, Land, Community/Global Engagement and Lifestyle. To achieve an award, the required level must be reached across all five sections.

At St Mary's we have worked on our environmental profile for many years and were therefore granted a Bronze Award immediately on joining Eco Church after the summer holidays last year. Since then we have made our churchyard more wildlife friendly with the addition of a hedgehog house and a bug hotel and with plans for mapping it and improving our maintenance regime and plantings. We have upgraded our recycle facilities and taken part in a number of national/worldwide actions such as Bells for Climate, The Big Plastic Count, Tearfund's Renew Our World programme and the Creation Care household survey which is ongoing and can be accessed at <https://creationcare.org.uk/> by anyone wanting to see how environmentally friendly their household is. The site is secure and the survey private. If you live in Thorpe or have a connection to St Mary's you are welcome to link yourself to “St Mary's Church Thorpe” in the drop-down menu on the dashboard page.

More improvements and activities are in the pipeline on our journey towards becoming a Gold Eco Church. If you would like to hear more about what we've done and what we are planning, or if you want to get involved, why not **VISIT OUR ECO STALL IN THE CHURCHYARD DURING THE JUBILEE PARTY ON 3RD JUNE** where you can talk to our Eco Team, sponsor a tree, name our hedgehog mascot and sign up for St Mary's Eco Monthly or register your interest in a local Eco Group.

We also hope you will **BE PART OF OUR JUNE CHALLENGE** for which we will join the Wildlife Trusts in their “30 Days Wild” programme. This promises to be great fun, getting you out and about and appreciating God's Creation – you can sign up at: <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30dayswild>

Also coming up in June will be the **first issue of our very own topical publication “St Mary's Eco Monthly”** – not a newsletter but rather a selection of relevant information, tips & tricks, ideas and monthly challenges.

You can sign up to this via our Parish Office on [stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com](mailto:stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com).