

Useful Contact Information

Vicar of Thorpe:

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Training Curate:

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Curate: (& Assistant Chaplain at St Peter's Hospital)

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Peter Gruncell 01784 436040

Administrator: (& Rutherwyke Room Bookings)

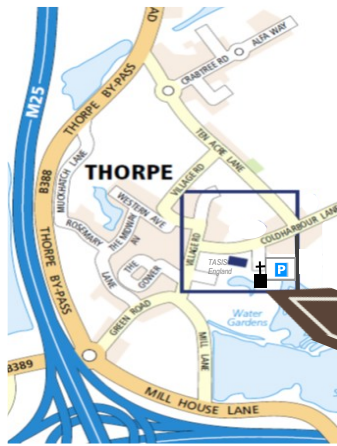
Mary Morris (Parish Office Answerphone) 01932 567603

You can find out more about St Mary's Church at:

www.thorpechurch.com

St Mary's Church - Living History!

It is impossible to say for sure exactly when St Mary's Church was built, although portions of the building are of venerable antiquity. In 1963 a Roman cinerary urn, dated to 120 -150 A.D. was discovered buried in the Churchyard, establishing that this site has been a place of community and perhaps of religious significance for nearly 1900 years. Evidence of a flourishing community, with no doubt a church or chapel to attend to its spiritual needs, can be found prior to 675 when five dwellings at Torp were known to have been given by King Frithuwold (*The King of Surrey, ruling under King Wulfhere of Mercia*) to endow Chertsey Abbey. The beginnings of the church we see today may have been instigated by Abbot Hugh in 1110. The walls of the Church are of mixed heritage and built of flints and rubble with clunch & sandstone dressings, the roof is tiled. Thorpe, or 'Torp', meaning village (with a Church) in Old English is listed in the Domesday Book of 1086. Today we have the challenge of maintaining this beautiful building for the benefit of future generations. We have regular architectural inspections of our buildings and grounds and have completed stone, masonry, lead and pointing repairs as well as improved paving, a new patio and work to ensure full accessibility for all. We have re-decorated the halls completed (upgraded our electrics reducing our carbon footprint including LED lights and more efficient boilers) the Church of today looking forward, helping the Church of tomorrow. In celebration of the 800th anniversary of the sealing of the Magna Carta 4 additional bells were cast and installed in the Tudor Tower. Maintaining our beautiful buildings and grounds are a work in progress! *Thorpe PCC*



How to find us...

St Mary's Medieval Church is signed from the A320 Staines/Chertsey Road. Turn into Norlands Lane and follow to the roundabout (CEMEX). Take the second exit onto Coldharbour Lane and follow into Thorpe Village. At TESIS England turn left into Church Approach. Use the Vicarage Car Park.

Service Times at St Mary's Church

Monday	8:45am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	8:45am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	8:45am	Morning Prayer
	11am	Said Eucharist
Thursday	9am - 11:30am	Noah's Ark

Sundays

8am	Said Eucharist (<i>Holy Communion</i>)
10am	Sung Parish Eucharist with Sunday Club for children (<i>term time only</i>)
	11am Coffee & Chat <i>Refreshments served in the Rutherwyke Room/Patio.</i>
	11:30am Family Mass <i>Held on the First, Third & Fifth Sundays Monthly</i>
	12noon Holy Baptism <i>Usually held on the Second or Fourth Sunday Monthly</i>

CHURCH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Office & Church Open: Wed 11am - 2pm
Weekends at service times.

Other times on request (contact a churchwarden).

Email: stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com



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www.inclusive-church.org

Welcome to St Mary's Church Thorpe

www.thorpechurch.com

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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

The Parish Church of Thorpe

In this leaflet you will find:

- Details of a range of groups and activities
- Contact details for the Vicar (Parish Priest) Church Wardens, Group Leaders and many others within the church family
- Times of Services and general information

On behalf of the Ministry Team & Congregation
Welcome to St Mary's Church, Thorpe.

Our church has been a presence here in this part of Surrey for over 1,000 years and continues to offer a warm welcome to all.

At St Mary's we are committed to proclaiming the inclusive love of Jesus for all people, encouraging all ages in the Christian Faith and enjoying the fellowship of our wonderful family - an essential support at this time of pandemic.

In this leaflet you will find contacts for many of St Mary's activities and groups that we hope you will be interested in. In particular I commend to you our Church website at: www.thorpechurch.com which contains a wealth of information. And do connect to our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchThorpe - If we can help in any way, please do get in touch. We hope to see you at St Mary's Medieval Church soon. Every blessing to you & yours,
Father Damian Harrison - Miles, Vicar.



Church & Worship

Worship is at the heart of the Christian life. We enjoy vibrant Anglican Catholic Services with something for all ages. Our 10am Sung Parish Eucharist (Mass) is centred in Holy Communion as we gather around the altar - the Lord's Table. We follow the Church of England calendar for bible readings, seasons and festivals. Come along and join in the celebration!

Weddings, Wedding Blessings, Funerals & Pastoral

Please contact our Parish Priest at St Mary's Vicarage
01932 565986 / damomiles@btinternet.com

PARISH OFFICE & CHURCH OPEN

Wednesdays 9am - 2pm. Our Parish Administrator is Mary Morris and you can leave an answerphone message (Checked weekly).

Contact: **The Parish Office 01932 567603**
stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com

Outside advertised service times, the Church may be open upon request to the churchwardens, contact numbers overleaf.

St Mary's Church Choir

All voices welcome from age 10 upwards. We sing on the third Sunday of the month, on festivals and for special occasions, with rehearsals usually on the Thursday before. All are welcome.

Contact: **Jill Collinson (Music Administrator)**
jillcollinson@btinternet.com

David Howard (Organist & Choir Leader)
davidmhoward13@gmail.com

Church Servers & Sacristy

Church Servers assist the Parish Priest by preparing for services and helping during worship. If you would like to assist the team of people that help with our worship then contact our Parish Verger.

Contact: **Andy West 01344 842609**

Church Flower Guild

Our dedicated team maintains beautiful church flowers through the seasons. Help is welcome & flowers can be donated in commemoration of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one.

Contact: **Margaret Harnden 01784 432992**
mtharnden@aol.com

Services of Holy Baptism

Usually every second or fourth Sunday of the month at 12nn. If you would like your children baptised (Christened), or to be baptised/confirmed as an adult, please complete and return a baptism application form (can be found in church or on our Website: www.thorpechurch.com) or call 01932 565986.

Sunday Coffee & Chat

Join us in the Rutherwyke Room or on our Patio for a relaxed cuppa or coffee on Sunday morning 11am—12noon.

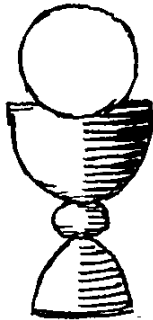
Runnymede Foodbank

St Mary's Church supports several charities, especially the Foodbank where we contribute weekly groceries.

Support during the pandemic has been just amazing, but the need very much continues. Thank you for your generosity. Please leave donations in the green crate on the Church Patio.

Your Guide to what is going on at

St Mary's Church, Thorpe



Thorpe Together Magazine

If you want to know what is going on in Thorpe Ward, this is the publication you need! Published quarterly, and ideal for local advertising of your business or event.

Contact: **Margaret Harnden 01784 432992**
mtharnden@aol.com

Young People & Children

Contact: **The Parish Office 01932 567603**
stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com

Noah's Ark Thursday Morning Fun!

For parents with babies and toddlers in the Rutherwyke Room. We meet on Thursdays (term time) from 9–11:30am for songs, stories, play and toast! £2 per child. Please park in the Vicarage Car Park. **Come and help us float Noah's Ark**



FAMILY MASS

We meet at 11:30am on the **1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays monthly** for songs, prayers and child-centred activities. Come along early at 11am to meet our earlier congregation over coffee & other refreshments in the Rutherwyke Room. **See website for more information.**

FAMILY PACKS AT CHURCH

During this time of pandemic we prepare a pack for each family with children, full of activities, stickers, colouring, reading and crats, themed around the bible readings and services. We will be continuing to offer this popular resource until the end of the year, keeping children and families together during worship. We hope to re-start SUNDAY CLUB (Junior Church) in the New Year 2022.

Website: www.thorpechurch.com

Webpage: www.achurchnearyou.com/thorpe Visit www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchThorpe

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Meet the Team

Ministry Team (Liturgy/Worship)

We have the challenge of planning worship, taking communion to the housebound and sick and working together to prepare services.

Contact: **Fr Damian Harrison-Miles 01932 565986**
Website: www.thorpechurch.com

Welcome & Stewardship

St Mary's is a family centred church where everyone is encouraged to share in our fellowship. Our aim is to promote the life of faith, offering a warm welcome to all and helping people to support the church in various ways. During this time of pandemic we have encouraged the congregation and supporters to give monthly by standing order. A gift-aid declaration with bank details is available from the Parish Office,

Did you know it costs around £2600 a week to run St Mary's Church? If you can help in any way please do get in touch.

Contact: **Andy West (Treasurer) 01344 842609**

Social & Fundraising Group

The Church Social & Fundraising Group organise a range of activities each year, such as the Vicarage Garden Party, Ash Wednesday Frugal Lunch, Summer Fayre, Barn Dance & Winter Wonderland. We also run stalls at other local events.

Contact: **Susi Thornton 01784 433480**
susi@thorntonclan.com

Buildings & Grounds (Fabric)

We oversee the maintenance of our historic Grade 2* Church Building, Rutherwyke Room, Churchyard and Vicarage Car Park area. We are working on plans for the future, to keep improving our hall and church facilities. We need your help with jobs around our grounds. Volunteers always encouraged!

Contact: **Pete Gruncell 01784 564168**

The Rutherwyke Room (Hall) Hire

St Mary's Rutherwyke Room is ideal for all sorts of occasions and is available for hire (up to 70 people maximum). Cost £16 per hour. *There is an additional charge for cleaning following children's parties.*

The room is ideal for:

- Children's Parties (up to 12 years)
- Lunches
- Family Celebrations
- Groups, clubs and activities
- Meetings / regular bookings
- Teaching & education

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