

# THORPE TOGETHER

The quarterly magazine  
for Thorpe Ward residents



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## Thorpe Parochial Charities - Giles Travers Educational Charity

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**IMPORTANT – please read - this will affect you!**

### The Boundary Commission changes:

The Boundary Commission have proposed changes that will affect you in any future national General Election. The Commission have reissued proposals that will see those in **Thorpe Ward** becoming part of the **constituency for Spelthorne**

This means that under current arrangements you would have **Kwasi Kwarteng** as your **MP** instead of **Philip Hammond**.

However, in the local elections, you would continue to vote for Runnymede Borough Councillors, as at present. Consequently, Thorpe Ward could end up in the bizarre situation of voting for a Parliamentary MP that is not within your local government area. This is the third round of consultation, but the first time Thorpe Ward has been identified as a ward to be moved into a different constituency.



It is important that you let the Boundary Commission know your thoughts on this change and alternative proposals you may have no later than **11<sup>th</sup> December 2017**. and we encourage you to comment on the proposals to the Boundary Commission (<https://www.bce2018.org.uk>)

The Thorpe Ward Residents' Association have considered this proposal and will be responding to the consultation with the following points. Originally the suggestion of the Boundaries Commission was to move Chertsey St Ann's into Spelthorne and this was rejected largely because Malcolm Loveday wrote on behalf of the Chertsey Society and a substantial number of residents supported his position. We urge you to respond now so that we can show the residents of Thorpe Ward do not want to be moved into Spelthorne!

### **Reasons against**

- The River Thames separates Thorpe from Spelthorne. The Boundaries Commission places great importance on "hard boundaries" and there is no crossing point between Thorpe Ward and Staines (Spelthorne).
- Thorpe has historic links with Chertsey. Thorpe Church (St Mary's) was important to the Monks of Chertsey Abbey prior to the reformation and is still linked with a public footpath known as Monk's Walk.
- Historically Thorpe was part of Egham Urban District Council prior to it joining with Chertsey Urban District Council to form the Borough of Runnymede in 1974 and maintains strong links with both towns.
- Residents of Thorpe ward have to go through Egham Hythe ward or Chertsey in order to cross the River Thames into Spelthorne, there is no immediate connection between the two areas and the resulting constituency boundary will not be geographically contiguous given the divide from the rest of the constituency caused by the River Thames. **THORPE WARD WOULD BECOME AN ISLAND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BOROUGH OF RUNNYMEDE AND ITS PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY OF RUNNYMEDE AND WEYBRIDGE**
- If Thorpe Ward were moved into Spelthorne it would be the **only** ward in Runnymede not to be in the Borough which serves the residents. At election time, this would be an administrative nightmare as the Returning Officer would have ballot boxes from Runnymede and Elmbridge and then the one from Thorpe would have to be transferred to Spelthorne for counting. While many Parliamentary Constituencies overlap two Local Authorities it seems unnecessarily complicated to involve three Boroughs.

The Boundaries Commission ask for suggestions to solve this numbers problem. We would propose that;

- If any ward is to be taken out of Runnymede it should be Egham Hythe which shares a boundary with Staines and has an important crossing point into Spelthorne over Staines Bridge.
- Residents in Egham Hythe have a postal address of Staines upon Thames
- The Magna Carta School has a catchment area that extends over the bridge into Spelthorne.
- Egham Hythe is a relatively modern settlement with its historic centre being around the bridge which was important at the time of the sealing of the Magna Carta when it was a crossing point from Staines.
- Egham Hythe is isolated from the town of Egham by the hard boundary of the M25 motorway

You may well have other good reasons too. **PLEASE** go onto the website (<https://www.bce2018.org.uk>) now and object to this proposal and keep Thorpe in the Runnymede and Weybridge Constituency

Thank you.

Linda Gillham

**Nigel Robbins, Chair of TWRA, echoes these concerns later in this issue.**



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The Hythe Singers are very much looking forward to the New Year, when we shall be embarking on rehearsals of **J S Bach's Mass in B minor**, working towards a performance on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March** at St Mary's Church, Thorpe.

With this work as our focus for the spring term, we warmly invite any singers amongst you to come along to St Mary's on **3<sup>rd</sup> February** for our **Come and Sing Day, 10am – 4.30pm**.

The day will be led by Richard Harker, our inspiring musical director, who will guide us through the choral highlights of the Mass. The Come and Sing day is now an established part of our annual events calendar, and promises to be both rewarding and fun! The cost for the day is £20, which includes morning and afternoon refreshments (bring your own lunch).

The Mass in B minor is an exciting and ambitious programme to undertake. We shall be working with professional soloists and orchestral players, and are currently inviting donations towards sponsorship of these musicians.

The Hythe Singers are taking part in the Lessons and Carols Service at St. Mary's Thorpe on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm.

For more information about the choir, or tickets for the Come and Sing Day, please email [thehythesingers@hotmail.com](mailto:thehythesingers@hotmail.com) or [jenni.whiteside@btinternet.com](mailto:jenni.whiteside@btinternet.com)



## Egham by Runnymede Historical Society

New Year lecture details below. Please phone 01932-560476 for more information.

Non members most welcome.

Entrance for visitors £2. Venue – the United Church, Egham High Street – Time 8pm

January 25 <sup>th</sup> 2018	From Carts To Concorde	by Jocelyn Barker
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Education and Women's Suffrage	by Dr Harriet O'Neill

### MILTON PARK FARM (MPF) – a further update

The decision on whether to grant Hanson planning permission to quarry sand/gravel from MPF has been postponed yet again! The latest date given on SCC's website is **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018**



## THORPE WARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The TWRA committee meets monthly (except during August), on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month in the Rutherwyke Room, behind St Mary's Church, starting at 7:30pm.

From 7:30-8pm residents are welcome to attend to air any concerns which they feel TWRA or local councillors may be able to help with. New committee members always welcome. Dates of the next meetings are:

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**Season's Greetings To You All**



So another year comes to an end, and what a year. Two major plays, a Victoria Wood tribute,

two Murder Mystery evenings, a couple of outdoor fairs - I hope you saw at least some of them, and enjoyed them as much as we did. We will go into the Christmas break with plenty to be proud about, and make the most of the season of celebration.

New Year brings new plans, beginning with a Quiz Show Challenge on 13th January (in Virginia Water, though, so "abroad"! ) and then starting on the next main play. This will be a brand new farce, *A Fight for the Death* by Olivia Brierley, set in a funeral parlour - yes, really! It is very funny, and if you would like to be involved there are readings on 22nd and 29th January and 1st February. The performances will be on 14th to 19th May - all at Thorpe Village Hall at 8pm.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Peaceful 2018.



## THORPE LEA & EGHAM HYTHE FLOOD ACTION GROUP

We would like to extend our thanks to all of the residents who were able to call into the Hythe Centre on 10<sup>th</sup> October. We originally set up our Flood Action Group a year ago and following several meetings both with a small Residents' Committee and occasionally with representatives from The Flood Forum, The Environment Agency, Runnymede Borough Council, Surrey County Council and Thames Water we felt it was time to broaden our knowledge base by holding a Flood Awareness Day.

Residents who attended were given the opportunity to speak to the authorities about Flood Resilience, the River Thames Relief Channel and up to date activities currently underway along the Meadlake Ditch, to name but a few.

If you would like to get in touch with us we can be contacted on the following e-mail address: [thorpeleaflood@outlook.com](mailto:thorpeleaflood@outlook.com)

If you would like to place an advert in the Spring edition of this newsletter to promote your organisation or business, please contact Sharon Young  
[info@thorpevillagehall.org](mailto:info@thorpevillagehall.org) 07973-710228



# From your Thorpe Ward Councillors

Linda Gillham, Elaine Gill and Margaret Harnden

## THORPE WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT



Some progress is being made with regard to the refurbishment of the war memorial at the junction of Mill Lane, Village Road and Green Road.

A lovely service was held there on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and it is hoped by November 2018, the additional names from WW11 will be added and the memorial itself will have been refurbished.

Initial costing is very high and it is a challenge but one I feel as a community we can achieve. Five Pennies have already helped by donating half the funds raised from "The Night of Memories" and their Xmas Fair in the Red Lion. They are also proposing a special event next April – further details to follow.

I am applying for grant funding from different sources – Surrey County Council, Runnymede Borough Council and War Memorial Trust so fingers crossed. I will also approach local businesses.

Some residents have already made personal donations which is so appreciated and if anybody wishes to do this that is excellent.

Ian Patenall, Treasurer of TWRA is responsible for the financial side so cheques can be made payable to TWRA and dropped off to him at 21 The Gower, Thorpe or alternatively bank details are:-

HSBC  
Account no: 01120107

Account name: TWRA  
Sort Code: 40-08-43

**Please do ensure that you include the reference: Thorpe War Memorial Project**

Thank you.  
Cllr Elaine Gill

## Thorpe Neighbourhood Forum

Thorpe Neighbourhood Forum held its first AGM on the 16<sup>th</sup> November. We celebrated the progress the Forum has made since the Plan was accepted by Runnymede Council in August 2016. There was a very good turnout and five more members joined the Forum.

The Forum is now developing policies and preparing for another **Open Event on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20th January 2018** when we invite you to come to the Rutherwyke Room, behind St Mary's Church, and give us your views.

We are focusing on traffic speeds and car parking, trees and our green open spaces, the Green Belt Boundary and measures to mitigate against flooding. We have looked at our historical heritage and the lovely old brick walls and buildings and reflected on the styles of houses that we wish to preserve in future development. Our businesses are looking at how they interact with the residents and local organisations.

Thorpe is the only area in Runnymede that is producing a Neighbourhood Plan and we are working closely with the development of the Runnymede Local Plan which will come out for consultation in January 2018.

Remember to look at the Thorpe Neighbourhood Forum website for more details  
[www.thorpeforum.org.uk](http://www.thorpeforum.org.uk)



# THE INDEPENDENT



The Thorpe Ward Residents' Association is 80 next year. As a community, we face a time of considerable challenge and uncertainty, including two on-going emotive large-scale infrastructure projects that will be affecting the Ward.

- **EA River Thames Scheme (RTS):** The first of these projects is the River Thames Flood Relief Scheme (RTS). The Environment Agency continue to progress detailed design of the typically 100ft wide scheme against a backdrop of a shortfall in government funding. TWRA Committee members also sit on the Thorpe Lea and Egham Hythe area flood action group.
- **Heathrow Southern Rail:** The other more recent announcement is the Heathrow Southern Rail scheme ([www.HeathrowRail.co.uk](http://www.HeathrowRail.co.uk)). Conversely, this is claimed to be a fully-funded private scheme, with primary funding via Aecom, supported by Arup, a major engineering business. An alignment is proposed from Chertsey to Staines, via an Easterly route alongside the M25. Whilst we have limited resources, members of your Committee will be actively engaging with other local organisations and where appropriate voicing our concerns. We will keep the TWRA website updated with latest news on both these schemes.
- **Boundary Commission changes:** The Boundary Commission have proposed changes that will affect you in any future national General Election. The Commission have reissued proposals that will see those in Thorpe Ward becoming part of the constituency for Spelthorne. However, in the local elections, you would continue to vote for Runnymede Borough councillors, as at present. Consequently, Thorpe Ward could end up in the bizarre situation of voting for a Parliamentary MP that is not within your local government area. This is the third round of consultation, but the first time Thorpe Ward has been identified as a ward to be moved into a different constituency.

Whilst TWRA is politically independent, we feel these changes have not been made widely publicised and we encourage you to comment on the proposals to the Boundary Commission. It is important that you let the Boundary Commission know your thoughts on this change and alternative proposals you may have **no later than 11<sup>th</sup> December.**

Your Committee feel we have important historical links over many centuries to Chertsey and the resulting constituency boundary will not be geographically contiguous, given the divide from the rest of the constituency caused by the River Thames. It is important an alternative arrangement is proposed in your response. We urge you to submit your comments at the following website (<https://www.bce2018.org.uk>) if you do not want to be part of the Spelthorne constituency.

*In respect to all the above, TWRA have added more information to our website including any letters of representation.*



## Other TWRA News:

On **Remembrance Sunday**, TWRA laid a wreath at the War Memorial in Village Road, Thorpe. Thanks to all those who turned out on a cold, but sunny morning to pay their respects.

**Governance:** As with any membership organisation, we need to be relevant and responsive to the needs of our members. We also need to be accountable and listen to you, our members, and for you to be confident in our governance and conduct whilst representing your interests. For this reason, it is appropriate that the TWRA revisit its governance. We will report back to our membership accordingly.

**Getting involved:** As a new addition this year to the Committee, I have seen first-hand the efforts and contribution fellow Committee members make in volunteering their time to better our community.

They are often pushing forward many items that might otherwise go unresolved. Pat Holbrook, as TWRA Secretary, does much of the day-to-day work fielding many of the enquires and we all owe her much for everything she does.

My sincere thanks also go to Ray Walker who until May, as then Vice-Chair, had steered the organisation in the absence of a Chair. Your Committee is now supported by two new vice-chairs, Carole James and Ken Cooper.

If you would like to get involved with the Committee, we would truly welcome your help. We are always on the look-out for 'new blood' to join the Committee. Alternatively, please offer your help to support on an ad hoc basis. Please contact us if you would like to volunteer to better the community where you live. You are welcome to contact myself or any of the Committee members. Our contact details can be found on our recently relaunched website ([ThorpeWardResidents.org.uk](http://ThorpeWardResidents.org.uk)). We are now on Facebook by searching for Thorpe Ward Residents. Your help would be truly appreciated.

**Subscriptions:** We also remind you that the annual subscription will be due for renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> January. Our charges remain unchanged as we endeavour to keep our out-goings low. We would like to also thank those that make donations which are financially vital to us. Please consider setting up a Standing Order if you have not already done so. Details can again be found on our website. We hope you will continue to support your local residents' association in 2018, in what will be a challenging year.

As a reminder, we meet every second Monday of the month (except August) in the Rutherwyke Room at Thorpe Church. We look forward to welcoming our members. We have an open session for half hour at 7.30pm and all are welcome.

By way of a short introduction, I took on the role of your Chair in May 2017. I have been privileged to have lived in Thorpe Village for nearly 50 years. I run a business and prior to this worked for a multi-national consulting engineer.

The Committee would like to wish all our members, and indeed all residents of the Ward, seasonal best wishes and a happy New Year. We look forward to your support in 2018.

Nigel Robbins,  
Chair, Thorpe Ward Residents' Association  
[www.thorpewardresidents.org.uk](http://www.thorpewardresidents.org.uk)



# Thorpe Village Hall

**Having a celebration, business meeting or setting up a regular club?  
Looking for a hall with character, flexibility and a friendly welcome?**

Then contact the team at Thorpe Village Hall, who manage the venue for the benefit of the local community on 07539 528 654 or email [bookings@thorpevillagehall.org](mailto:bookings@thorpevillagehall.org). Our meeting room can accommodate up to 20 and the main hall up to 80, so perfect for business and social meetings alike. **Alternatively, why not get involved in one of our regular clubs / groups:**

Day	Time	Event	Contact
Mon	10.00-11.00am	Zumba Gold Dance Fitness	Sandy: 07590 537016 <a href="mailto:info@viveutvitas.co.uk">info@viveutvitas.co.uk</a>
	11.00-12.00am	Pilates Mixed Ability	
	2.00-4.00pm	Tea and Talk Over 50s Social Club (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays only)	Sharon: 07973 710228 <a href="mailto:info@thorpevillagehall.org">info@thorpevillagehall.org</a>
	8.00-10.00pm	Thorpe Players – readings and rehearsals	Valerie: 01932 561350 <a href="mailto:news@thorpeplayers.co.uk">news@thorpeplayers.co.uk</a>
Tues	9.30-10.30am	Circuit Training	Pre-booking required – please contact Vernetta: 07906 337594 <a href="mailto:vernyoga@yahoo.co.uk">vernyoga@yahoo.co.uk</a>
	11.00-12.15	Classic Gentle Yoga (L1)	
	7.30-9.30pm	SING Thorpe – Community Choir	Lisa: 07941 195335 <a href="mailto:S.I.N.G.Thorpe@gmail">S.I.N.G.Thorpe@gmail</a>
Weds	9.30-10.45am	Core Flow Yoga (L2)	Pre-booking required – please contact Vernetta: 07906 337594 <a href="mailto:vernyoga@yahoo.co.uk">vernyoga@yahoo.co.uk</a>
	11.30-12.45pm	Chair Yoga (L1)	
	7.00-9.00pm	Thameside Art Club (in Meeting Room)	Charlotte: 07956 470964 <a href="mailto:charlotte@egham.co.uk">charlotte@egham.co.uk</a>
	7.30-8.30pm	'I Can't Dance' – Ballroom Dancing Class (Intermediate)	Georgina: 07968 292308 <a href="mailto:georginachallett@gmail.com">georginachallett@gmail.com</a>
	8.30-9.30pm	'I Can't Dance' - Ballroom Dancing Class (Beginners)	
Thurs	From 7.30pm	Private Dance Lessons – on request	
Fri	7.30-8.30pm	Monthly Sequence Class (3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of month)	

## Game Show Quiz Challenge - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018

*Are you a fan of TV game shows old and new?*

*Do you want to have an evening of fun, facts and a little bit of frivolity?*

Then come along to the Quiz Show Challenge Night, we are running as a joint fund-raising event with Virginia Water Community Association. Our Quiz Master will guide you through rounds from some of our favourite TV game shows including Catchphrase, Would I Lie to You, Family Fortunes, A Question of Sport, Pointless, Don't Forget the Lyrics, plus a Generation Game 'Conveyor Belt Challenge' and a chance to win a cash prize with Play Your Cards Right.

Whatever your interests or knowledge, there really will be something for everyone. Make up a team or simply come along and join a table. Bring your own drinks and glasses, and snacks

**BOOK NOW! £8 - children ½ price**

**01344 844948 or 07969390843 or email [quiz@vwca.org.uk](mailto:quiz@vwca.org.uk)**

Our social club for the over 50s has a regular programme of interesting and fun activities and of course plenty of time to simply meet and chat to friends new and old over tea and delicious cake. We have a wonderful group of regular ladies and gents, but always welcome new members - even if you can only attend sporadically. It would also be great to get some volunteers to help set up, do refreshments or even run the odd session.



We meet at Thorpe Village Hall the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month from 2.00 – 4.00pm. It costs £3 to attend including refreshments and activities. For more information, contact Sharon on 07973 710228 or [info@thorpevillagehall.org](mailto:info@thorpevillagehall.org) or simply come along to one of the sessions below:

**11<sup>th</sup> December: The founding fathers of America and how an orphan immigrant helped build this new world.** Every founding father's story gets told... apart from one – Alexander Hamilton. He was a controversial figure because of a long-term love affair, his radical ideas and forceful nature. In light of *Hamilton* – a new award-winning musical coming to the West End in November - we uncover the truth about his early life, his controversial policies, how he helped build America and, of course, the famous duel with his lifelong friend Aaron Burr - which ended Hamilton's life. Will we finally answer the question 'who shot first'?

**8<sup>th</sup> January: Frankenstein - the Myth and the Reality** - Mary Shelley wrote Frankenstein to win a bet and it is now one of the most read novels of all time. As we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the book being published, Karen Hanley will help you explore this scary story and how, through modern science, the concept behind the 'creature's' creation could become a reality!

**22<sup>nd</sup> January: Stalking the Stalker** - Hamish Brown, MBE is an international authority on the crimes of stalking and harassment, who gives talks to diverse audiences around the world. Hamish will explain what stalking is, show methods used by stalkers and describe why it is necessary to 'think outside the box' when dealing with stalking matters. Hamish brings insight, anecdotal examples and humour to a difficult subject which is guaranteed to keep the audience enthralled and entertained.

**12<sup>th</sup> February: The Price of Coal** - To commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the closure of the last deep coal mine, award winning journalist and playwright Terry Pattinson will share some of the experiences that led to him writing the play *The Price of Coal* about a typical pit village in the late 1960's, showing the black humour, trials and tribulations of mining families, as well as his first-hand knowledge of the National Miners' Strike and workings of the National Coal Board.

**26<sup>th</sup> February: Egypt and the Pharaohs** – to mark the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Howard Carter unsealing the burial chamber of the Pharaoh Tutankhamun, Sharon Young will talk about the discovery and the legend, as well as sharing her own experiences of the country and its history, mysteries and achievements as one of the most advanced civilisations of the ancient world.

**12<sup>th</sup> March: Film Night** - every few months, we offer you the opportunity to watch and discuss a film – which may not be in the mainstream, but which is interesting and maybe even inspirational. We will give you the opportunity to choose which film you want to watch a little nearer the time.

**26<sup>th</sup> March: How Film Changed Musicals** - before films, the only way to see a musical was to attend a theatre. The creation of cinema, VHS and DVD brought musicals into our lives in brand new ways. And as technology improved - the limitations of a theatre fell away and anything was possible. Karen Hanley will help you discover how this changed the form of musical theatre – for better and worse.





# Art in the Village

Just over 12 months ago Egham Art Club started a trial run of painting classes in Thorpe and they can now look back on a very successful year. Initially an Oil Painting class was offered on a Wednesday evening, but soon afterwards in response to requests, a Friday morning class offering 'Drawing and Painting' was started.

Led by Kay Harwood Young, an Associate of the Royal College of Art, both classes offer individual tuition and help, tailored to the needs of the individual but with some structured instruction in the basics of Art. There are now 20 participants with abilities ranging from absolute beginners needing instruction in the very basics, to the more experienced requiring some help with improving their skills.

During the past year the Drawing & Painting group has practised observational drawing, experimented with drawing techniques, looked at perspective, colour and tone, trying folk art as well as some simple printing, making patterns from natural objects, and developing ideas.

The oil painters are encouraged to develop their own ideas, to produce work that is very much individual to them, at the same time learning about the use of colour and how to get the effects they want.

Both classes are informally run in a sociable atmosphere and welcome all ages and abilities. Contact Kay on 01784 452589 or email [kvyoungarca@gmail.com](mailto:kvyoungarca@gmail.com) to discuss what you are looking for in the way of an art class and to arrange to come along for a taster-session.

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## Red Alert!

I'm sure you will have noticed that in this edition of Thorpe Together we haven't showcased a particular Thorpe resident or event on the 'Welcome Page'. The editorial team felt that the proposed boundary changes information printed there instead needed to be on a colour page, flagging up in red the details we feel Thorpe residents need to be aware of.

If you feel happy with the Boundary Commission proposal that Thorpe should be removed from the Runnymede and Weybridge constituency and in future be included in Spelthorne constituency for parliamentary elections, you need do nothing.

**If, however, you disagree with the proposal please make your views known to the Boundary Commission ASAP, but no later than December 11<sup>th</sup>. <https://www.bce2018.org.uk>**

## Thorpe Winter Wonderland

Details of Thorpe Winter Wonderland, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, were included in your last issue of Thorpe Together. Here's a quick reminder of timings.

**2pm – Festive Tour of Village with Treasure Hunt starting at The Red Lion**

**3-6:30pm – Events, Stalls & Carols around St Mary's Church**

**4pm – Childrens' Christingle Service, followed by**

**Switch-on of St Mary's Christmas Lights**

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# St Mary's Church, Thorpe

## QUARTERLY NEWS

### Welcome **WINTER / CHRISTMAS 2017**

to our quarterly news update from St Mary's Church in Thorpe Village. We are known for our hospitality and we look forward to you visiting us for worship, a tour of the Church, private prayer and your special occasion soon.

**St Mary's Church Thorpe —always a welcome for all.**

A Message from Father Damian Miles, Anglican Vicar of Thorpe:

Some have suggested that shopping has become a 'new religion'! Indeed, the surveys show that we spend more on leisure than ever before.

As Christmas draws closer, the pressure to spend time shopping increases.

The malls and supermarkets are decorated to lure us in and take away our cash—or fill up our credit cards. That being said, we don't simply go shopping because we need things; it's now a pastime, a hobby, and one which is moving online as we 'virtually' shop until we drop, 24 hours a day. Christmas has developed into the biggest shopping season in the world and if the retailers are to be believed this year may be the biggest yet! This pressure to buy and to have can be self-defeating and it falls hardest on those with the least resources; those on low incomes, the unemployed or sick along with families with extra mouths to feed and budgets that are stretched to the limit. This December season of goodwill can easily become the January hangover of debt. Mary and Joseph knew all too well what life was like for those 'just about managing'. They had to register in a census far from their own town. Mary was pregnant and due any day and there they were, in Bethlehem, with nowhere to rest their heads except an outhouse or cave behind an inn. Then, when the child was born they were forced to flee for their lives to Egypt and they became refugees. They had nothing to their name; only the possessions they could carry and the gifts presented by the wise men: gold, incense and myrrh. That first Christmas was so simple in comparison with today and all that we have. Yet there are those among us in Thorpe and not far beyond who are also 'just about managing' or worse. Here at St Mary's, with the support of TASIS England, we collect donations for Runnymede Foodbank, that those who are struggling can be supported. As you come to worship this December, please bring with you something for our donations basket—see our website and weekly newsletter for details. Together, we can help those less fortunate than ourselves this season of goodwill. I look forward to welcoming you to our Winter Wonderland Event and our Christmas Services 2017. Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful 2018, *Revd Damian Miles*.



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The church is open for visitors:

Parish Office Number: 01932 565986

Thursday evenings between 6pm & 8pm

Sundays from 8am until 12noon

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday monthly from 10am to 4pm

Email: [stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com](mailto:stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com)

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# THE HYTHE SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday 2nd December - 7:30pm – St Mary's Church, Thorpe

## WEDDINGS AT ST MARY'S 2018 / 2019

We are holding an evening of wedding planning on Monday 22 January 2018 at 7:30pm in the Rutherwyke Room. Car Parking at the Vicarage.

*All interested couples are welcome to come along to find out more!*

### ST MARY'S CHURCH THORPE

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP

8am Said Holy Communion

10am Sung Parish Eucharist

*SUNDAY CLUB for Children aged 4—11*

11am Café Church

*Refreshments in the Rutherwyke Room*

11:30am Family Service

*(1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays monthly)*

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### SUNDAY CLUB

*during the 10am Service for Children 4 - 11*

*Years, with bible stories, songs, craft, drama and children's prayers.*

*Sunday Club runs every Sunday of term time from September to July.*

**Contact: Margaret Alderson**

**01784 435292**

### ST MARY'S CHARITY LUNCHEES

Rutherwyke Room at 11:30am

13 Dec – The Children's Society

10 Jan – East to West

Bring a dish to share + donation a  
for the charity.

### From St Mary's Church Registers    September, October & November 2017

Baptism: 24/9 Isabella Evie Axten; 24/9 William Alexander Whitelock; 15/10 Theo John Bremner; 22/10 Bowie James Rogers; 22/10 Lucy Jusztachowski; 26/11 Hendrick Clive-Edward Chitty. Weddings: 16/9 Sean Scott White & Maxine Jennifer Underwood.

Funerals: 27/10 Jone Luigia Cullingford; 30/10 Elizabeth Adelaide Shaban.

Burial of Ashes: 7/9 John Clarke; 1/11 Elizabeth Adelaide Shaban.

### Noah's Ark Toddler &

Pre-school Age Group. We meet on Thursdays at 9:30am (term time only) - 17 December Christmas Party - in the Rutherwyke Room. Fun and games, songs and fun for little ones with Toast, Tea, Chat!  
Contact: Margaret 01784 435292

### TOWER RE-POINTING UPDATE

*As of 1<sup>st</sup> November we have raised 2k towards our 9k shortfall. The PCC only have enough money to complete the essential repairs to the west and south faces of the tower and depending upon the success of our Tower Jigsaw campaign we hope to extend this work to the north and east faces.*



# St. Mary's Church, Thorpe Christmas Festivities

## Advent Sunday

3 December

10am Sung Festival Advent  
Eucharist

## WINTER WONDERLAND

2pm Red Lion Treasure  
Hunt begins

4pm Children's Christingle  
followed by Christmas  
Lights switch-on  
BBQ, Stalls and  
Father Christmas

## Christmas Eve

8am Said Eucharist  
10am Sung Parish Eucharist  
3pm Children's Crib Service  
5pm Children's Crib Service  
11:30pm Midnight Mass with  
carols

## Christmas Day

10am Sung Festival  
Christmas Day  
Eucharist with carols

## Sunday 17 December

10am Sung Eucharist  
6pm Festival of Lessons &  
Carols by Candlelight  
with the Hythe Singers

## Friday 5 January The Eve of Epiphany (12th Night)

7pm Sung Festival Eucharist

## Tuesday 19 December

8pm The Egham Band

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