

THORNBOROUGH METHODIST CHURCH

Report to Thornborough Parish Annual Meeting 2018

Minister - Rev. Tim Edworthy

Church Stewards - Mr. Paul Hodges; Mrs. Louise Springall

The Chapel has experienced a year of growth in attendance at Sunday worship, with the congregation now averaging around 25 worshippers.

We are blessed with a wide variety of Ministers and Local Preachers to lead the worship; and also in the quality of the message and teaching received Sunday by Sunday. We continue to enjoy an excellent relationship with St. Mary's, sharing worship together on the second Sunday of each month. We will be sad to lose the close friendship with Rev. Gussie Walsh when she moves on later in the year.

The regular activities of the Church continue to have good support. Meet and Eat on the first Monday each month provides a special time of fellowship over food; and that fellowship is continued each Wednesday morning when Les and Sandie Davis welcome a wide selection of villagers to coffee, frequently cake, and the pleasure of sitting in the Chapel garden on fine days.

A new venture this year is the shared time of Messy Church, held on the afternoon of the third Sunday of the month. Parents and children are welcomed to come and take part together in craft activities. This is proving to be a very popular opportunity for family fun. Gussie and Katy Morris are the current leaders.

The Chapel Property Secretary, Sid Bunce, decided to stand down after 15 years of maintaining the premises to their present high standard. His efforts at ensuring the village has such an excellent meeting place have led to much praise.

His place has been taken by John Levey - who also provided one of the highlights of the year by marrying Sharon in the Chapel. It was the first wedding there for many years.

We promise a very warm welcome to any who wish to come and share in worship or any of the other activities.

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