



CHURCH NOTICES

THORNTON METHODIST CHURCH

Loving God, Loving **All** People.

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NOTICES FOR WEEK COMMENCING 5th JULY 2026

10.30 am THE SERVICE TODAY IS BY LOCAL ARRANGEMENT

Refreshments will be served in the foyer after the service.

"Rev Katie will be taking some annual leave next week from Monday 6th July until Sunday 12th July. She will be back at work on Monday 13th July. During this time, if you need a Minister, please get in touch with Rev Sarah on 01253 790501, or speak to one of the Stewards Team."

"We will be celebrating Bernice Smith's Admission as a Local Preacher on Sunday 19th July at 6:30 pm at Thornton Methodist Church. As this will be a Circuit Service, we would love as many friends from across our Circuit as possible to come and celebrate and affirm Bernice in this important moment in her preaching ministry."

PRAYER AT TEN



We pray for the church across the world, for all the leaders and all who answer Gods call to lead His people. We pray and give thanks for all who have been ordained this last week. We pray for God's continued guidance in our daily lives and for His encouragement in our reaching out to those in need of Gods love.

TMC Prayer Team

Our next Contemporary Service is Monday 13th July at 7pm.
Everyone welcome



Contemporary Worship
at Thornton Methodist Church

A time of praise and prayer,
reflection and fellowship.

All are Welcome!



END OF TERM!

Thornton Methodist Church invites you to our...

ASSEMBLY BANGERS

Monday 20th July 2026, 7 - 8 pm

Come along to sing all your favourite School Assembly songs to mark the end of term! And this time we are taking song requests in advance (Let Rev Katie know!) Includes refreshments!

All are Welcome!

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THE REPORT FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL AND GENERAL CHURCH MEETING

Finance

For many months we have all heard about the “cost of living crisis” that is affecting so many people at the moment but this is not a new issue for TMC. Last year I warned that our own costs, particularly heating/lighting, would partially rise dramatically in 2026 with further increases in 2027. This forecast has now come true with the cost of heating just the Church building having risen by around £7000 during the winter months and the cost of heating the Hall will probably rise by around £2000 next year. This year’s Gift Day appeal will be to raise funds to enable the heating to remain on in the coming winter so please give whatever you can.

In common with other Churches in our Circuit (and the Circuit itself) these increased costs mean that we are all now facing an uncertain future as our Reserves are reduced each year as we spend more than our income. I expect the deficit for TMC this year to be in the region of £12000.00 and this will reduce our Reserves to a level which could mean that in 2-3 years TMC will not be viable as a Church. In an attempt to extend the life of TMC I am proposing the for the coming year we reduce our Circuit Contribution by £10,000.00 but as Circuit finances are also stretched this cannot be repeated. Our income from Giving has fallen over the past 5-10 years and we are very dependent on funds raised by Coffee Shop/Monthly Coffee Mornings and revenue from hirers of the Hall.

Property

I'm glad to say that, in my opinion, our buildings are generally in a good state of repair. Water ingress to the Church building has (I hope) finally been eliminated by the improvements made to drainage from some flat roofs and repairs carried out to the Hall foyer roof. A "Hive" heating control system has been installed in the Church to enable better control of the heating but this will not improve the time it takes to raise the temperature in winter months when it can be zero degrees outside.

Vacancies

You will be aware that after almost 20 years I am stepping down from various roles I have undertaken for TMC and these have been advertised recently with limited response.

Paul Schofield has stepped forward to take on responsibility for property matters and I will guide him through routine jobs for the next 12 months so please contact him from now onwards

Sharon Webb and Katherine Holden are undergoing training in handling our annual Gift Aid tax reclaim which is a vital part of our income

Hirer's Admin – Sara Wilson deals with all bookings for the Hall but regular Hirers must have a Licence which is renewed annually with new prices and documents. All Licences will be up to date by September 1st for 2026 but must be renewed at different dates in 2027. There are 3 businesses that use the car park and again Licences must be in place and payments monitored. Some Hirers require invoices before making payment so this also needs to be done from time to time. Also there is a need to ensure that all payments are made by Hirers so we need someone to provide this admin backup for Sara. Without the appropriate Licences in place we will lose the income from Hirers

NOTES

**DEFICIT TO THE END OF JUNE AROUND £10K
WITH FURTHER DEFICIT IN JULY/AUGUST OF £2K**

**RESERVES AT AUGUST 31st PROBABLY.
GENERAL ACCOUNT £35K, BUILDING ACCOUNT £7K
MISSION ACCOUNT £5K**

**THE CIRCUIT CONTRIBUTION OF £39K FOR NEXT YEAR WILL
BE REDUCED TO £29K TO TRY AND HOLD RESERVE AT £33K
BY AUGUST 2027**

**HOWEVER THE FOLLOWING YEAR RESERVES WILL FALL
BELOW MINIMUM OF 6 MONTHS EXPENDITURE AND AT THAT
POINT TOUGH DECISIONS WILL NEED TO BE MADE.**

HEATING/LIGHTING COSTS FOR THE 9 MONTHS TO MAY ARE

**CHURCH HEATING £9225
HALL HEATING £1378 EXPECTED TO RISE BY £2000 NEXT
YEAR**

CHURCH LIGHTING £1230

HALL LIGHTING £255

IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

MONDAY

10.00 am 🙏 Weekly prayer meeting held in the foyer.

TOGETHER TUESDAY.

9.30 - 10.30 Sensory Stay & Play. For just £2 you can explore the sensory room, participate in interactive sensory trays, stories and songs. **TERM TIME ONLY**

9.30 - 12.30 Rev. Katie will NOT be available today for coffee and a chat.

9.30 - 4pm Coffee Stop. Meet for coffee, toasted teacakes etc. free WiFi. Activities and crafts from 1pm Everyone welcome. Come and meet your friends, and enjoy the company.

7.00pm. Bible group meeting with Brian Robbins

WEDNESDAY

10.00am Bible group meeting with Brian Robbins

7.30 - 9 pm. Crafty Chatters. 🧵 🪡 🧶 All are welcome to join us. Bring your own project or pick up a new one.

I ❤️ THURSDAY.

9.30 - 1pm Coffee Stop. Meet for food, drinks and friendship. Including a short service

10.30 - 11am led by Pat Gregory

Cafe continues until 1pm ☕ toasted teacakes etc.

A Series of Sermons on Angels

Paul began a series on Angels. The next will be 6th August. There are a couple of books he recommends if you want to go deeper -Angels by Billy Graham and Angels - true stories about how they touch our lives by Hope Price

ACTIVITIES IN THE HALL AT TMC

MONDAY

6.00 - 7.00pm Rainbows

7.30 - 8.30pm Pilates with Simone - Pilateshealthhub.com.
07793 622686.

TUESDAY

9.30 - 10.30am "Gentle Pilates" with Simone.

10.45 - 11.45am **NEW CLASS**Chair Pilates

6.15 - 7.45pm Brownies

WEDNESDAY Line dancing group starting in August

I ❤️ THURSDAY

10.00-11.00am Tai Chi. All levels catered for. Everyone welcome.

11.30-12.30pm U3A Tai Chi Group for members

1.45 - 3.45pm No Thursday movers, will restart 17th September

5.00 - 7.00pm Yoga

7.30 - 9.00pm Guides

FRIDAY

8.00am-1.00pm Slimming World

5.00pm-7.00pm Limelight Theatre Group. Term time only
Age groups 7 - 11 and 11 - 14

SUNDAY

10.00am-12.15 Tae Kwondo

10.30 am THE PREACHER ON 12th JULY IS PETER WILSON

If you have any contributions for the notices please contact
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