



# THE MAYOR'S CIVIC SERVICE

# Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018 3pm

St Mary's Church, Thorpe Church Approach, Coldharbour Lane, Thorpe, TW20 8TQ

**Conducted by Father Damian Miles** 



Thorpe, or 'Torp', meaning village in Old English (usually with a chapel) is listed in the Domesday Book of 1086. However, it is impossible to say for sure exactly when St Mary's was built, with many periods of architecture evident and each generation making its mark. However, in 1963 a Roman cinerary urn, dated to 120 -150 A.D. was discovered buried in the churchyard, establishing that this site has been 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 were known to have been given by King Frithuwold (King of Surrey ruling under King Wulfhere of Mercia) to endow Chertsey Abbey, which then oversaw worship at St Mary's until the Reformation. The church was connected to the abbey grounds by way of a direct footpath (Monk's Walk) which passes by present day Thorpe Park. The beginnings of the medieval 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. The brick tower was a Tudor addition to the church and contains eight bells, four having been added in celebration of Magna Carta 800 - this being the closest surviving church building from that time. The external walls of the tower are about to undergo a significant programme of re-pointing as westerly weather has taken its toll upon the brickwork. The church and local community have worked hard to raise the 30k needed to carry out these essential repairs, supported by several local charities. This work should be completed by the end of this Summer. Then we will turn our attention to roof repairs (baton slippage) and works to the pipe organ and inside areas of the tower. In February 2018, "The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church Thorpe" was formally registered as a Charity (No: 1176929) as we seek to maintain for future generations of worship and community use our beautiful Grade 2\* building and grounds, one of the jewels in the crown of Runnymede Borough.

A retiring collection will be taken for St Mary's Church Thorpe Tower re-pointing fund and the Mayor's Charities. If you pay income tax, please use a gift-aid envelope, completing your details on the front and signing on the reverse.

Refreshments will be served in TASIS refectory. Please exit via the pedestrian gate from St Mary's Church into TASIS grounds and up to the Refectory entrance.

Thank you for supporting this service today.

The Mayor of Runnymede Councillor Dolsie Clarke would like to thank the following for all their help today:

During her term in office Cllr Clarke will be raising funds for the following charities:



# **1st Chertsey Scout Group**



Chertsey Scouts have been fundraising for many years and we would like this to be the year they get their new Scout Hut



Portable hearing loops for A&E to assist patients in understanding their diagnosis and treatment. God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,

to the Church, the Queen and the Commonwealth and all people,

unity, peace and concord and to us and all God's servants,

life everlasting, and the blessing of God Almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you

and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

## THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our gracious Queen, long live our noble Queen, God save the Queen.
Send her victorious, happy and glorious long to reign over us: God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store on her be pleased to pour, long may she reign.

May she defend our laws, and ever give us cause, to sing with heart and voice, God save the Queen.

#### RECESSIONAL

## **Organ Voluntary:**

Members of the Congregation are asked to stand and remain in their places until the Standard and clergy have processed out.

## Welcome to this Civic Service today

The themes for today are welcome, inclusion and service.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

## ENTRY OF THE CIVIC PROCESSION

The Congregation is requested to stand at the entry of the Clergy and Civic Procession.

# **Organ Voluntary**

Presentation of Standards at the altar

# HYMN:

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his throne thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me his praise should sing? Alleluia, alleluia, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour to all people in distress; praise him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Alleluia, alleluia, glorious is his faithfulness.

Father-like, God tends and spares us, well our feeble frame he knows; mother-like, God gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes: Alleluia, alleluia, widely as his mercy flows.

Angels in the heights adore him,

you behold God face to face;

saints triumphant, now adoring,

gathered in from every race.

Alleluia, alleluia,

praise with us the God of grace.

# **WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER**

**Reverend Damian Miles, Vicar of Thorpe** 

Please Sit for the Readings & Anthem

# **OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 11:1-9

Read by the Mayor of Runnymede, Councillor Dolsie Clarke

## **CHOIR ANTHEM**

## NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 12: 3-18

Read by the Chief Executive of Runnymede Borough Council, Mr Paul Turrell

# Please Stand for the Hymn

# **HYMN**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

## **HYMN**

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,

Pilgrim through this barren land;

I am weak, but thou art mighty;

hold me with thy powerful hand:

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven

Feed me till I want no more

Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain

Whence the healing stream shall flow;

let the fiery cloudy pillar

lead me all my journey through:

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer

Be thou still my strength and shield

Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,

bid my anxious fears subside;

death of death, and hell's destruction,

land me safe on Canaan's side:

Songs of praises, songs of praises

I will ever give to thee

I will ever give to thee.

The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer:

All Our Father, Who art in heaven,

Hallowed be Thy Name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power,

and the glory for ever and ever, Amen.

A Prayer for the Mayor follows:

Go before our Mayor, Lord

in all her doings with Your most gracious favour,

and further her with Your continual help;

that in all her work begun, continued and ended in You,

she may offer useful service to those around her;

an acceptable offering in Your sight,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Please Stand for the Hymn

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,

Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;

Thy justice like mountains high soaring above

Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest to both great and small;

In all life thou livest, the true life of all;

We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,

And wither and perish but nought changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,

Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;

All laud we would render: 0 help us to see

'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

THE ADDRESS Please Sit

By Revered Tim Hillier

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please sit or kneel for the prayers.

The prayers will be led by representatives from Runnymede Community.

Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer