

Thornborough Methodist Chapel

May 2015-16 Annual Report to Thornborough Parish Council

The chapel continues to serve the community and has had another good year.

Membership: There are 11 adult members with several other attendees giving an average congregation of around 17, up from 14-15 last year.

Over last summer and autumn we managed to maintain the children's/youth group (around 5-7 members) with ages ranging from 5-15yrs who met once a month. Once again the group held joint evening events with children from Gawcott Methodist Chapel as well as attending the annual camp at Paul Hodges farm in the summer. However, numbers have dwindled down to one remaining member. This is often the case as children grow older and move on but we are hopeful, and ready, for an upturn in due course.

Services: The Chapel holds a service every Sunday morning and enjoys a monthly shared service with St Mary's Church, alternating the venue between chapel and church each month. We have a good relationship with the church which we value.

Bible Study: This is well attended and held at a member's house every week and is open to all.

Meet & Eat: The monthly lunch, open to all, is held usually on the first Monday of the month and continues to be well-attended with 25 – 30 regular attendees from Thornborough and the surrounding area.

Drop-In: The weekly drop-in on Wednesday mornings for free refreshments and a chat is open to all and is well attended with numbers having increased to mid-20's (up from low-20's) and sometimes up to low 30's. In the summer we sit out in the chapel garden. There are monthly Bring and Buy sales.

Knitting Group: This meets once a month on a Wednesday to chat and knit for charity.

Art Group: Around 9-10 people of various skills meet every Friday morning for two hours of art, chat and refreshments.

Chapel Meeting Room: Is available for hire and has been very well used by small groups, including the Thornborough WI.

Garden: The beautiful chapel garden is always open and villagers may come and sit in peace and enjoy it.

Fun Run: A great village event which we love to support each year by providing refreshments.

We thank the people of Thornborough for its support and are always available to try and meet your needs.

Les Davis
Thornborough Methodist Chapel
1 May 2016