



*A warm welcome to*

# **Thomas Risley Church**



**A beacon of God's kingdom in Birchwood**

***We are...*** based in the community of Locking Stumps, within the Birchwood area of Warrington.

Our Minister is Rev. Jenny Travis, we also work closely with Rev. Stuart Nixon, Birchwood Minister. We are part of the United Reformed Church.

Our services are relaxed, with a contemporary feel. We meet every Sunday at 10.40am. Communion is on the first Sunday of the month. We have an All-Age service on the third Sunday, which is in a café style.

We like to work in our community with the local schools and other churches. We are also pleased to support...

Active Hope	Birchwood Food Bank	British Legion	
Christian Aid	Lend with Care	Local Guiding	
Mary's Meals	Mercy Ships	Mite	Papyrus
Room at the Inn	Water Aid.		

### ***Bible Study & Prayer***

Our mid-week faith-based study groups are currently meeting on a Monday morning and Tuesday evening. We host a prayer zoom meeting on Monday evenings 7pm – 7.30pm. Please ask for details.

### ***Who was Thomas Risley?***

Our church is named after a preacher that served the area in the late 1600's. A Presbyterian chapel was built at Risley in the early 1700's but unfortunately this was demolished when the M62 was built, although the cemetery can still be found on Cross Lane South in Risley. Our history is over 300 years old despite our modern building! For more details on our history, see our booklet *350 Years in the Making*.

## ***Our Leadership***

Our church is led by a member elected Eldership, who are responsible for the church. Our Minister, Jenny Travis is also an Elder. Our main decision-making forum is our Church Meeting which happens bi-monthly.

## ***Membership***

Church members are encouraged to share in the life of our church by participating in weekly worship, attending Church Meetings, contributing financially to the work of the church and taking part in activities. If you



would like to know more about membership please speak to an Elder and see our leaflet *Join the Family*.

## ***Pastoral Care***

We have a team of members who are happy to offer prayer and support for our church family. If you would like to be added to this support network, please tick the box on the data collection sheet on the back pages.



## ***Guiding***

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides meet on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening. For more details on their



activities and waiting lists please visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

## ***Building Hire***

We hire out our building for parties or meetings. Please leave a message on our website or speak to our church Secretary if you are interested in this.

# In the week...

**Sunday 10.40am**

**Sunday Services**



**Junior Church** - For 5-11year olds. Fun activities, during the service, that teach faith on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.



For under 5's we have a selection of toy bags to keep them entertained!

**Monday 10.30am**

**Study Group** - A friendly, relaxed look at questions of faith.



**7pm**

**Prayer zoom** - Half an hours prayer for our church, community and the wider world. A time of peace



**Tuesday 10.30am**

**Coffee & Crafts** - Meeting fortnightly. Bring along your crafts and have a brew. Ask advice, share experiences, or simply enjoy a brew and a natter!



**7.30pm**

**WGIT Study Group** - Where's God in This? Meet at church, fortnightly. Our aim is to be inclusive, respectful & God centred.



## Wednesday

9 – 11.30am **Tommy's Tots** – Meets every week in term time for parents and carers of children under five. Busy making crafts, playing together, singing and eating together.



2 – 3 pm **Wednesday Club** – Meeting fortnightly. Refreshments and chat for the over 55's.



## Thursday

8.45– 11.30am **Treats Café** – Our Thursday morning coffee shop. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a brew and a treat.



7.30pm **Church meetings** – bi-monthly, see newsletter

## Saturday

9am *ish* **Trotters walking group** – Monthly walks for different abilities planned throughout the year. Own transport recommended. See church Facebook group or weekly newsletter for details.



*Please ask if you would like to know more details of our activities and we will put you in touch with the organisers.*

## ***Safeguarding***

We take Safeguarding seriously. We define safeguarding as the promotion of the safety and welfare of children and adults who are at risk of, or experiencing, harm, abuse or neglect in all forms. We acknowledge children and adults right to protection from any form of abuse or neglect regardless of age, sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, religion or belief, marriage/civil partnership status, gender, pregnancy and maternity.

Therefore, as members and workers of the church, we are committed to:

- The care and nurture of all children and adults.
- The safeguarding and protection of all children and adults at risk
- The establishment of a loving church environment which is safe and caring for all people and where the dignity of each person is respected.
- Working with statutory agencies, voluntary organisations and other churches.

We:

- Carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of Disclosure and Barring checks.
- Respond without delay to every concern, incident or complaint which suggests that a child or adult has been harmed, or is at risk of harm, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- Seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- Review our safeguarding policy, practices and procedures annually. Follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.



## ***Keeping Connected***

- There is a weekly newsletter, given out every Sunday. This can also be sent by email.
- Our church WhatsApp group is a chatty place to leave comments.
- We also have a WhatsApp prayer group, where we post items for prayer.
- We can also be found on Facebook and our website is [thomasrisley.org.uk](http://thomasrisley.org.uk)

*To stay connected please complete the data collection form below.*

### **Data Privacy Consent Form**

Thomas Risley United Reformed church collect and process data in accordance with our Data Privacy Statement which is displayed on our website and in the foyer of our church building. Your privacy is important to us and we want to communicate with church members and friends in a way which has their consent, and which is in line with the UK law on Data Protection. Please complete the form below with the contact details you want us to use to communicate with you.

Name .....

Address.....

.....Post code .....

Landline Phone No. ....

Mobile Phone No. ....

Email.....

Would you like to know more about the Pastoral Care group?



Would you like to be added to:

TR email address list  TR Newsletter sent by email

TR Facebook page  TR Chat WhatsApp Group

TR Prayer Request Group

Are you happy for your information to be shared in a church wide directory?

OR Solely for the Church secretary?

I confirm that I am over 13 years of age and consent to the processing of my data in accordance with the details above.

Signed .....

You can withdraw or change your consent at any time by contacting The Secretary, Thomas Risley Church, Glover Road, Locking Stumps, Warrington WA3 7PH, or by email at [secretary@thomasrisley.org](mailto:secretary@thomasrisley.org) . Please note, all processing of your personal data will cease once you have withdrawn consent, other than where this is required by law, but this will not affect any personal data that has already been processed prior to this point.