

St Thomas' Church

A parish church is an inclusive community of people who worship and seek to do God's work together and individually. St Thomas' has served a steadily growing population that includes Woolton Hill, Broadlayings and Hollington ever since its consecration in 1849.



1849 – The original building had two entrances on the north side, one of which is now inside the vestry.

Built in Bath stone and flint, St Thomas' Church is a good example of mid-Victorian architecture with its Neo-Gothic pointed arches and stained glass. The architects were Thomas Wyatt and David Brandon of London.

The church school situated next door was opened a year later and this is now St Thomas' Infant School.

The east window of the Crucifixion is by Kempe (1902) and if you look carefully you may be able to find his special trademark, a sheaf of corn.

(It may take you a minute or two to find it!)



On each side of this memorial window are two murals, also painted in 1902, in memory of Frances Robinson, the wife of the rector at that time. They were restored in 2007, having been hidden under a coat of paint for fifty years.



Other stained glass windows include the Christian Virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity, the Platonic ones of Fortitude and Justice, and unusually St Perpetua and St Monica.

Two windows at the west end were made by the world famous Whitefriars Glass factory in Bridewell, just off Fleet Street in London. Their trademark can be seen - a line drawing of a friar.



High above the west door, also in stained glass, is the royal coat of arms.



The church building has been adapted over the years. Both the vestry and the memorial west porch were later additions, and the organ was moved from the west end to its present position in the chancel.

Another early 20th century memorial is the reredos depicting the Last Supper.



If you have a moment to spare, do walk round the well cared for churchyard, a peaceful oasis in a lovely rural setting.



Worship

There is a regular pattern of worship each month at St Thomas' –

1 st Sunday	9.30am	All Together <i>a service for all ages</i>
2 nd Sunday	9.30am	Parish Communion <i>with Sunday School</i>
3 rd Sunday	10.00am	Benefice Communion *
4 th Sunday	9.30am	Morning Worship
5 th Sunday	10.00am	Benefice Communion * <i>* Please see the church noticeboard for details of all Benefice services.</i>
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion

For fuller details of Sunday, weekday and Holy Day services please see the weekly notice sheet, the church noticeboards or Spectrum Magazine.

Come and join us

We can offer you a wide range of services throughout the Benefice every Sunday. Some services are traditional, others are more informal and relaxed.

Whatever the service, you are always welcome to linger, meet new faces and have a chat over coffee or tea.

Worship is for everyone. Children are welcome to our services. There is a special corner at the back of the church where toys and books are available. For details of the monthly Sunday School, please see the "Information for Families" leaflet.

Contacts

St Thomas' Church, Woolton Hill
is a part of the
NORTH WEST HAMPSHIRE BENEFICE
which serves the five parishes of
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Welcome to **St Thomas' Church** **Woolton Hill**

*We hope you will enjoy your visit,
whether you have come to a service
or for a moment of quiet reflection.*



... making Christ known in our community