

## Announcement to be made at Thorpe and Bath Abbey at the main morning services on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

We are delighted to announce that Rev Stephen Girling has been appointed as Interim Priest in Charge at Thorpe, subject to DBS and medical clearance. He is currently a Missioner at Bath Abbey in the Diocese of Bath & Wells. We hope that Stephen and his wife will be able to move into the vicarage in September, but details are yet to be confirmed.

Stephen says: "Diane and I are looking forward to moving into Guildford Diocese and serving Thorpe parish and the congregation of St. Mary's Church. My heart is to be a Christian presence in the community, to lead and disciple people in unity and mission, with a spirituality focussed in the eucharist and contemplative prayer. We are delighted to be joining you and sharing our lives with you".

Please pray for Stephen and Diane as they prepare to move.