

## FINDING YOUR NEXT STEP

Thank you for picking up this pack. We hope that it will help you as you maybe ask the question "now what?" as you start out in a new relationship with God .

### COURSES

Check out our Alpha, First Steps, and Way In courses.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

We run a number of special events designed to help you to identify and take that next step in church life. Look out for our Newcomers' Cafes, Joining In Sunday and Small Groups Sunday.



## CHAT TO US...

About anything in this leaflet.



### Paul Vaswani

Paul is our Ministry Team Leader and Youth Minister

m: 07866 108163  
e: paul@thornhillbc.org.uk

### Astrid Vaswani

Astrid is our Community and Pastoral Minister

m: 07952 904052  
e: astrid@thornhillbc.org.uk



## FIRST STEPS FOR NEW CHRISTIANS

# at Thornhill Baptist Church

Congratulations on deciding to follow Jesus!

Becoming a Christian is the start of a new life and you have made one of the greatest decisions of your life and that decision is just the beginning...

## CONTACT US

Thornhill Baptist Church  
Thornhill Park Road, SO18 5TR  
(02380) 464121

[www.thornhillbc.org.uk](http://www.thornhillbc.org.uk)  
[office@thornhillbc.org.uk](mailto:office@thornhillbc.org.uk)

**THORNHILL**  
Baptist Church



## ATTEND

### Join us every week

We meet every Sunday morning at 10.30am both in person in the church building and online. Our services include worship, teaching, prayer and opportunities to respond to God. We don't see it as "going to church" so much as "being church together" and we would encourage you to make it your regular habit.



## BIBLE

### Start reading the Bible

There are many versions of the bible and the most important thing is to find one that is easy to understand and use. There are some bibles on our Welcome Table which you can take and use or maybe you would find an electronic version easier. We recommend BibleGateway.com or YouVersion.com as two websites to get you started. Whether you use a paper, electronic or audio format, there are some notes in this pack to help you get started in taking some first steps in the Christian faith.



## PRAY

### Start praying

Praying is simply having a conversation with God. The bible teaches us to pray all the time not just when we are in church. Praying helps us know God more deeply. Maybe start by thanking God for his kindness throughout the day, ask Him to answer your daily needs, and pray on behalf of others. It's also important to pray together with others who follow Christ.

## What's your Next Step?



## BAPTISM

### Get baptised

Now that you have decided to follow Jesus, baptism is the next step. It symbolizes your new life in Christ and tells others that you are now committed to Jesus. It's a simple step of obedience to what Jesus tells us to do and it is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate everything that God has done in your life (so far).



## BELONG

### Join a small group

Building friendships with other Christians is really important and joining a small group can help you do this. Small groups are the heart of church life. Here is where you can share the ups and downs of life with people who care about you, here is where you can explore the difference that faith makes to every part of life, here is where you can learn to encounter God in new ways together.



## ENGAGE

### Start to serve and give

Each of us has God-given gifts that He intends us to use to serve him. Each of us has a role to play in the "body of Christ", which is what the bible calls the church family. Many of us are also able to contribute financially to the activity and mission of the church.



## JOIN

### Become a church member

Church membership is our way of knowing who is part of the church family. It's a commitment to the vision and life of the church, to being an active part of the family.



## CONNECT

### Link in to our comms

Family is all about knowing each other and being known. We'd love to add you to our mailing lists and social media so we can keep you up to speed with everything happening at TBC and include you in what's going on. When you feel ready, let us know to add you to the church directory so the rest of the church family know who you are too.