

# A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW VICAR

**Jesus says: "Come to me,  
all who are weary and  
burdened, and I will give  
you rest." (Matthew 11:28)**



It is a joy to be invited to be part of Tonbridge Parish Church family. As a whole family we are all excited to come and share our lives and serve the Lord Jesus together with those across the churches, sharing the good news of God's love in Jesus with the wider parish and beyond. I am currently an Associate Vicar at All Saints Crowborough, as well as Minister of St Richard's, its smaller sister church. Before working in church ministry, I taught Business Studies and Economics at a secondary school in Cambridge.

Covid makes this a strange time to move, but also a time of real opportunity for the church in its community. Tonbridge is an exciting place to come to – our children already have their eye on Creams Ice Cream Factory! We are looking forward to meeting so many of you and making our home here.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben".

Rev'd Ben Thorndike  
August 2021



Our family photo was taken this summer in the Lake District. It's the most recent we have together... and we are just thankful we made it to the top together!