

History Topic:

how several aspects of national history are reflected in the locality

The History of St.Peter's

St Peter's is the Parish Church of Thundersley.



Thundersley Themes for History



About 900 years ago to present day

BEFORE: Thundersley was a very small place full of fields. Only 12 families lived here according to the Domesday Book. A church was built called St. Michael's.

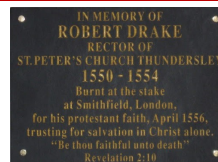
WHAT HAPPENED: 100 years later-on Christmas Day- there was a fire and most of it burnt down. A new church was built called St .Peter's. Roman bricks were used. In Tudor times, Queen Elizabeth I gave the church a bell. In Victorian times the chancel was re-built.

AFTER: In modern times a new extension was built.

CHRONOLOGY

About 900 years ago	1. Thundersley had about 40-50 people living here. Original church erected by the Normans.
About 800 years ago	2. Original church burnt down Church rebuilt
About 450 years ago	3. Rector, Robert Drake, died (TUDOR)
About 400 years ago	4. St Peter's is given a bell. (TUDOR times)
About 200 years ago	Census– 612 people in parish (VICTORIAN) 5. Chancel rebuilt
About 100 years ago	Thundersley has more people- population about 2000 people.
About 50 years ago	6. New extension built on church. Thundersley has many roads, buildings and people.

'Be a historian'



Knowledge and understanding: Describe the events **1-6**

Chronology and communication: Order pictures and photographs, make first hand observations using historical vocabulary: then and now, before, after, years ago, during Tudor period, Victorian period.

Enquiry: Ask relevant questions. How old are different items in the church?

What can be seen outside the church?

What materials have been used to build the church and where do they come from?

Interpretation: Use evidence– photographs and maps (then and now), local website, written and spoken recollections, observations in and around the church- find out when, how, why.

Why is the church at the top of the hill? Look for evidence of Romans, Victorians, Robert Drake.

Look at the windows. What do they tell you? Look at the book of remembrance. What does this evidence tell you? **How has the church and Thundersley changed over time and why?**

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Spelling

Definition/Sentence

Domesday book	A record of land use and population begun about 900 years ago by William the Conqueror(Norman)
parish census	An area which has a church. A census is a count of the people who live in a place and what they do.
Normans	People who conquered England in 1066 (Battle of Hastings)
Spanish Armada	Spanish ships sent to defeat English (Tudors) but failed.
Victorian	During the reign of Queen Victoria.