

## **THORPE ABBOTS - ANGEL TRAIL**

This simple 11<sup>th</sup> century Church is first mentioned in Domesday, since then it has seen the addition of a medieval round tower, a Tudor porch, and a sympathetic Victorian restoration. Along with its angels it has a beautifully preserved medieval font (one of the best preserved in the region) and two lovely stained-glass windows by Ward and Hughes. Its medieval font and screen are very interesting because it is one of the documented examples of a font being plastered over by the Anglicans in the mid-16<sup>th</sup> century to hide its Catholic imagery - so much easier and cheaper than having it chiselled off or replacing the whole piece. The Rector of the 1840s saw that it was crumbling, removed the plaster and found wonderful things. Thousands more fonts had suffered the same fate and were similarly revealed.

The Chancel is graced with six 2ft high roof angels which we believe may date from the Victorian restoration by the Rev William Wallace 1840-1860.

### **Opening hours**

March through to end of September, Saturday/Sunday, and Bank Holidays. Open Churches Week.

