

Prayer and Thanksgiving this week

World

- We pray for the persecuted church remembering Christians especially in the Sudan, Mali, Kenya, across North Africa, Nigeria, Northern India, Pakistan and the Philippines
- For a peaceful resolution for the escalating tensions in Iraq and pray for wisdom for the leaders
- The crisis situation in the Gaza strip and pray for peace and reconciliation

Church

- We pray for strengthening relationships between all the Beaconsfield churches as we seek to serve our community together
- For the Growing Leader's Course; for all the preparation, for the leaders and all those who have signed up

Community

- We pray for all who live and work in Holtspur
- We thank God for our witness and opportunities in this community
- For the medical, ambulance, police and fire services, and for the local businesses

People

- We pray for healing and wholeness for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We continue to hold in prayer John Lewis, Muriel Hargreaves, Chris Burley and Joanna Olienak. We pray for all those supporting and caring for those who are in need. We give thanks that Baby Amelie is doing well following surgery and we continue to hold Jenny and John in prayer
- For Craig Ashley, Stuart Buchan's best friend serving in Afghanistan
- For Ben and Lucy, Paul and Katalin and all couples married yesterday
- For those discerning whether to enrol on the Alpha Course
- For all young people preparing to leave home for college or university
- For our church family members: Dilys Reeves; Caroline, James, William, Katherine and Rebecca Robson

Mission – Toybox

This week, we give thanks that **Toybox** has been able to register 275 street children in Guatemala, providing them with a life changing piece of paper. Their birth certificate will enable these children to progress in their education, to access healthcare and to benefit from state protection. Later on, they will be able to get a job, get married and buy houses, breaking the cycle of street living and working for themselves and future generations. We are so grateful to all the supporters who have enabled this incredible achievement to happen.



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Sunday 17th August 2014



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

**We give you a warm welcome
as you join us**



Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9.15am Church Prayer

**10.00am Joint Parish Service of
Holy Communion with St Mary's
and St Michael's
Celebrant: Revd Alison Caw
Preacher: Revd Narinder Tegally**

Readings

- **Romans 11. 1 – 2, 29 - 32 (p. 1137)**
- **Matthew 15. 10 – 28 (p. 982)**

Collect for: Ninth Sunday after Trinity

**Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Services and Events Next Week

Tuesday 20th

9am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 13th

8.30-3.30pm Narinder at St Mary's

Thursday 21st

9am Morning Prayer
6-7pm Wedding Rehearsal at St Mary's

Friday 22nd

8.45-12noon Hope Community Drop-in and One Can Food Bank project
3.45pm Standing Committee at St Thomas' House

Saturday 23rd

1pm Wedding of Natalie and Daniel at St Mary's

Sunday 24th

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.15am Church Prayer

10am Morning Praise
Lead: Revd Narinder Tegally
Preacher: Hazel Chow

Readings: Romans 12. 1 - 8
Matthew 16. 13 - 20

Brooks in Burundi - Jeremy Brooks will be speaking about his recent trip to Burundi on Tuesday 23rd September at 7.30 at St Mary's. All welcome to hear more about his work. Admission free - donations to support the work of the Anglican Diocese of Buye, where he was based and who welcomed him so warmly.

Harvest Event - We are hoping to have a Murder Mystery evening September 27th. To do this we need the talents of all you budding actors. Please talk to Chris Jones if you can help us. Just come and join in for the fun of it.

Concert in aid of One Can Trust - Friday 22nd August at Wesley Methodist Church, Priory Road, High Wyc HP13 6SE. Trio Rigoletto from Spain will be performing a programme of flute and piano with support by guest artist, Alastair Penman on saxophone. Free entry with all donations to One Can Trust. More information can be found at www.onecantrust.org.uk; www.facebook.com/triorigoletto; www.alastairpenman.co.uk

Charity Ploughman's lunch in the garden - Please come and enjoy lunch at the home of Tom Holyer 7 Caledon Close, Beaconsfield New Town on Sunday 24th August from 12.30 to 3.00pm. Tickets £8, includes a glass of wine, lager or juice, from Margaret Mardall (01494 672120) or Tom Holyer (01494 676373). Funds raised will be shared between Christian Aid and SIM, a local charity supporting The Holyer School in Rural India.



Newham Event: Bill Edwards and John Brown are going to walk from Beaconsfield to Newham via The Thames Path to raise funds via sponsorship starting on 16th September 2014. On 20th September, there will be a picnic in Barrier Park, Greenwich to welcome the walkers at the finish. More details at St Mary's Parish Office at 676690.

The numbers of homeless in London are on the increase and the **London Run** are appealing for more food (sandwiches, crisps, soft drinks and boiled eggs), clothes especially socks, underwear, trousers, T-shirts, and trainers, and toiletries. Anything that is given can be left at St Mary's on Monday mornings where items are collected and forwarded on to the London Run. They are always very grateful for anything

Sponsored "Ride & Stride" in aid of Buckinghamshire Historical Churches Trust Sat 13th Sept 10am-6pm. This year our M.P. the Rt Hon Dominic Grieve will be taking part. More details at St Mary's Parish Office 676690.

Embrace has launched an emergency appeal for our Christian partners in Gaza. To donate, please visit www.embrace.org/gaza and for up-to-date prayer requests, please visit www.embrace.org/pray.

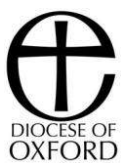
Beaconsfield Country Fayre - ALL HELP NEEDED. Last year's successful Fayre raised £17,000. This year we are planning even more events including a birds of prey display, a dog show, a go-cart track, (for children!) and of course more food outlets, craft stalls, and the famous stretcher race. Mary Berry will be opening the Fayre at 11am. If you can help, contact St Mary's Parish Office at 676690 for more details.

Cassa and Myles Messervy give a huge **Thank You** to the congregations of Beaconsfield Parish for their incredibly generous leaving gifts..."We were so touched! The fridge/freezer is now in place in the kitchen and is marvelous for a family of five. I love the stole and am looking forward to being able to wear it at Advent. You may like to know that the generous cheque has been spent on some items for the house, curtain and cushions for the sitting room, and some books for me, one in particular that I wanted on 'Ecclesiastical Law' © We loved our time in Beaconsfield and feel so blessed to have been amongst such wonderful people - there is a thank you card from us at the back of each of the church so please do look at them. With love *Cassa, Myles, Mia, Róisín and Caitlin.*"



Please e-mail your notices to debra@stmarysbeaconsfield.org.uk or post to St Thomas' House, Mayflower Way HP9 1UF by Thursday evening each week. Many thanks.

Prayer Ministry - If you would like prayer for yourself or for someone you are concerned for there will be someone from the prayer ministry group. **They will be available to pray with you at the back of the church during a Communion or after the intercessions in a Morning Praise service.**



Say Farewell to Bishop John at the Diocese of Oxford's Grand Day Out! Saturday 20 September, 2014: 10.00 - 17.00, Oxford City Centre. There will be a programme of workshops, speakers and activities. The sessions are free but **you need to book tickets** for individual events. More information at www.oxford.anglican.org/granddayout.

Beaconsfield Team Parish Retreat 29th - 31st August at Ladywell Retreat and Spirituality Centre, Godalming led by the Rev'd Jan Brookshaw (former Beaconsfield Team curate) - "The Harvest of our faith". See fliers at the back of church.

We wish a **Happy Birthday** to...
Anna Peters



Alpha Course: The Pre-Alpha evening will be held at St. James GX on Thurs 25th Sept at 7.30pm with an amazing Gospel Choir and there will be food and drinks...more information to follow. Contacts are Kevin 01494 673021 & Flora Pedler 01494 674146.

Church Walk - The church walk will be on Sunday August 31st, Ros and Chris are hopefully planning an interesting walk for us which will end with a picnic. Please come and join us. There will be a sign up sheet at the back of the church.