

## 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 continuing tensions and suffering in Iraq, Ukraine, Holy Land and Syria, and we pray for wisdom for all the leaders

### Church

- We pray for strengthening relationships between all the Beaconsfield churches as we seek to serve our community together in the coming year
- For the Beaconsfield Team Ministry for unity and fellowship
- For the Growing Leader's Course: for all the participants and leaders
- For our focus on God and the birth of Christ at the start of Advent
- For all the Churches in Beaconsfield as they prepare for the Christmas services

### Community

- We pray for all who live and work in Holtspur and Beaconsfield
- We thank God for our witness and opportunities in this community
- For Holtspur Park Friends, Hope Community Drop-in and One Can Trust
- Tom Tots for the planning and preparation for the upcoming new year

### People

- We pray for healing and wholeness for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We continue to hold in prayer John Lewis, Lisa Armitage and Jayne Eastgate
- For Derek Moores as he serves as Operations Director with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Kenya
- For our church family members: Alan and Jenny Shiell; Keith, Anne and Samuel Smith; Andrew, Julie, Lois and Joanna Snelling

### Mission - Tansen Hospital, Nepal

We support the work at Tansen through our prayers and outside giving. They have particularly asked that we pray for:



- Solving the urgent need for a general surgeon
- Finance for a new x-ray machine as the old one is often breaking down
- God's wisdom as the hospital starts a certificate level training for laboratory workers
- Funding to continue the children education and feeding program

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Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2014



## St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

*To transform lives through faith in Jesus*

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



### Second Sunday of Advent

9.45am Church Prayer

10am Holy Communion  
Celebrant and Preacher:  
Revd Dr Jeremy Brooks

### Readings

- 2 Peter 3. 8 – 15a (p. 1224)
- Mark 1. 1 - 18 (p. 1002)

Collect for: Second Sunday of Advent

**Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ  
comes again as judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

2pm Pre-School Nativity in Church

6pm Prayer hour

## Services and Events Next Week

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>

9am Morning Prayer  
12.30-2pm Ministers meet at St Theresa  
2.30-4.30pm Senior Citizens Group meets at Kiln Court  
6.30-8pm **Rock Solid and Synergy** at St Michael's Church Hall

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>

8.30-3.30pm Narinder at St Mary's  
10.30am Carol Service at Kiln Court  
3.30pm Messy Church at URC Holtspur  
5.30pm onwards Festival of Lights  
7pm Advent Guided Meditation in church

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

9am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Holtspur School

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

8.45-12noon Hope Community Drop-in and One Can Food Bank Project  
11am Burial of Ashes of William Robinson at Holtspur Cemetery (Family welcomes anyone who would like to attend)  
7-9pm Holtspur Youth Club

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>

8.30-10am Men's Breakfast URC in Aylesbury End – Speaker John McCombie 'Living with Radiation'

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

#### Third Sunday of Advent

9.45am Church Prayer  
10am Advent Morning Praise  
Lead: Andrew Snelling  
Preacher: Revd Narinder Tegally  
Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24  
John 1: 6-8, 19-28  
4-6pm Messy Church 'Christingle' Service plus tea at St Mary's. All are Welcome

#### **other upcoming dates ...**

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.00pm Advent Prayer Hour  
Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 10.00am Advent Holy Communion  
5.00pm Carols by Candlelight followed by mulled wine and mince pies  
*Christmas Eve* 4.30pm Christingle Service  
11.30pm Midnight Communion  
*Christmas Day* 10.00am All-Age Holy Communion  
Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00am Morning Praise  
New Year's Eve 8.00pm Party in St Thomas Hall

**Thursday Luncheon Club** - open to senior citizens. A three course home cooked meal for just £3. Come along to the Curzon Centre, Maxwell Road, every Thursday at 11.30am and enjoy a meal and friendly conversation. Transport can be arranged. Please contact Elizabeth Meares on 01753 884970.

**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.***



**Prayers before the service from 9.45am to 9.55am** will take place in the church office. We will be praying for the people leading the service as well as the people coming to worship. Do come and join us.

**Stewardship Responses** – thank you to all those people who have responded already. It will be very helpful in preparing the budget for 2015 if the remaining forms could be given to Ruth as soon as possible. *Thank You!*

**Church Christmas Card** – rather than sending lots of cards to members of St Thomas', consider signing the large card at the back and making a donation to Wycombe Homeless Connection.

**Supporting Others at Christmas** – the collection at the Christingle service will be given to The Children's Society; from the Carol service, 11.30 Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services will be given to Wycombe Homeless Connection. If you would like to donate some food to the One Can Food Bank, there will be a box at the back of Church until 21st December – shopping lists are available.

**Hope Community Café** – Are you able to offer help at the café on Friday mornings? It has a lovely welcoming atmosphere. You can offer for half mornings or whole mornings, as often as you want to do. John Wilson is putting together a new rota for the New Year so please email [drjohn.wilson@btinternet.com](mailto:drjohn.wilson@btinternet.com).



**Toms Tots** - A local lady has very kindly offered to help with refreshments each week at Toms Tots. Is there anyone who could occasionally lend a helping hand?

**Used Postage Stamps** - As Christmas approaches, can we ask you again if you could save all your used stamps for us. As you know we send them to REACH, the charity which supports children, like our granddaughter Jessica, born with upper limb deficiency. We are very grateful for all the stamps you have given us throughout the year. Margaret and Mike



We wish a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to . . . **Elliot Collins** and **Lois Snelling!**

#### **Volunteers required for a morning or afternoon**

- Are you able to help doing some painting on the 2nd or 3rd of January to support a local family who need some help. please speak to Paul for more details.



**Food for the Hungry** – Handmade Christmas Cards are on sale at the back of church. Mixed designs in packs of 8 for £5. Further information from Graham or Jessica.



**New Year's Eve** - This year St Thomas' are holding a party in the Hall on 31<sup>st</sup> December from 8pm to 12.15pm – games, sketches, entertainment..... what can you do? The food will be a "bring and share" buffet. Speak to Ruth Moores (673167) if you would like to join in, but do plan to come – you'll be missed if you are not there!

**Carol Singing** - are you interested in joining a group for some carol singing in the Old Town? Both the White Hart and the Saracens Head are very keen to have us. We would be collecting for Ebola cause. Please let Sylvia Jones know on 01753 889384.

