

## 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
- For Pakistan as we mourn the loss for so many children and teachers who died in the massacre in Peshawar

### 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 all the Churches in Beaconsfield as they prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ this Christmas

### 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; we need 1 or 2 people to help with refreshments from 10-11am
- For local businesses, Kiln Court and Senior citizens group

### People

- We pray for healing and wholeness for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We continue to hold in prayer Gareth Buchanan, John Lewis, Christine Ainsworth, Joyce Salmon and Jayne Eastgate
- For Judy Eason and dear friends Helen and Gareth as they mourn the loss of Pete who died on Sunday - may he rest in peace and rise in glory
- For Derek Moores as he serves as Operations Director with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Kenya
- For our church family members: Tracey and Simon Alway, Jess, Liberty, Zachariah and Alanis; Carolyn Croisdale-Appleby; Doreen and Stan Barlow

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**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2014**



## **St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur**

*To transform lives through faith in Jesus*

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



### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**9.45am Church Prayer**

**10am Advent Holy Communion  
Celebrant:**

**Revd Narinder Tegally**

**Preacher:**

**Andrew Snelling**

### **Readings**

- **Romans 16. 25 - end (p. 1143)**
- **Luke 1. 26 - 38 (p. 1026)**

**Collect for: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Eternal God,  
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this  
present age  
to see, with her, our great salvation  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**5pm Carols by Candlelight followed  
by mulled wine and mince pies**

## Services and Events Next Week

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9am Morning Prayer

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve**

8.30-3.30pm Narinder at St Mary's  
4.30pm Christingle Service at St Thomas'  
11.30pm Christmas Eve night Communion

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day**

9am Morning Prayer  
10am Christmas Day Communion

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Boxing Day**

9am Morning Prayer

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**First Sunday of Christmas**

9.45am Church Prayer  
10am Morning Praise  
Lead: Trevor Sharkey  
Preacher: Hazel Chow

Readings: Galatians 4: 4-7  
Luke 2: 15-21

**And don't forget ...**

New Year's Eve 8.00pm Party in St Thomas Hall

**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.

**Christmas Day** - If you know anyone who will on their own on Christmas Day, Bradbury House are offering on 'first come first serve' basis lunch. There are 5 places left. Please speak to Narinder for more information ASAP.



**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).

**Congratulations** to Margaret Mardall, the editor of the Beaconsfield Parish Magazine, which has been judged the overall winner in the parish magazine awards for 2014. There were over 600 entries this year, a record number, so it is an outstanding achievement for Margaret and all those who contribute to the parish magazine.



**New Website** - The new St Thomas' website is now launched and you will be able to get to it from about Monday 22nd December. The address is <http://www.stthomasbeaconsfield.org.uk>.

There are areas I want to add over the coming weeks and months including details of more of the charities and good causes we support. I would be happy to receive other ideas and suggestions for further development. As well as most of the pages that are open to anyone, there is a download library for church members. For the password to this, please contact me on [keith.s@stthomasbeaconsfield.org.uk](mailto:keith.s@stthomasbeaconsfield.org.uk). Keith



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

**Thursday Luncheon Club** - open to senior citizens. A three course home cooked meal for just £4. Come along to the Curzon Centre, Maxwell Road, every Thursday at 12noon and enjoy a meal and friendly conversation. Transport can be arranged. Please contact Elizabeth Meares on 01753 884970.



**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.

**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.**



**Request for home-made mince pies, please!** We will be holding our Carol Service on Sunday 21 December and would like to offer mince pies and other festive refreshments to all who attend. If you are able to make some since pies for this occasion, please sign the list in church. Many thanks. Chris Jones tel: 676975

**Toms Tots** starts on Tuesday 6th Jan 9.30-11.30am. We have been blessed with 1 regular person to prepare and serve refreshments, but we need a couple more to lighten the load. Please pray and discern whether that is a way you can serve you community. You are welcome to stay for the whole session but if your time is limited 10-11am would be a great support. Please speak to Narinder.



**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



**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.



**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!

