

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 and John Lewis
- For our church family members: Kevin Beer; Peter and Pat Binns; Jeremy Brooks; Gareth and Helen Buchanan; Pat and Frances Butler

Sunday 28th December 2014



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

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



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First Sunday of Christmas

9.45am Church Prayer

**10am Morning Praise
Lead: Trevor Sharkey
Preacher: Hazel Chow**

Readings

- **Galatians 4. 4 - 7 (p. 1170)**
- **Luke 2. 15 - 21 (p. 1028)**

Collect for: First Sunday of Christmas

**God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Services and Events Next Week

Monday 29th

Tuesday 30th

Wednesday 31st

8.30-3.30pm Narinder at St Mary's
8pm Bring and Share New Year's Party in St Thomas Hall

Thursday 1st HAPPY NEW YEAR

Friday 2nd

8.45am-12pm Hope Community Drop-in and One Can Food Bank Project
9am Morning Prayer

Saturday 3rd

2pm Senior Citizens Group to Panto at the Swan

Sunday 4th

Second Sunday of Christmas

9.45am Church Prayer
10am Holy Communion
Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Kevin Beer


Readings: Ephesians 1. 3 - 14
John 1. 1 - 9, 10 - 18



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.

Thank You!

Thank You: I would like to thank each one of you for making this Advent and Christmas very special and for all your hard work in whatever way you served this community and St Thomas Church. Thank you too for all your love, support and care to Oosman and I; we are very blessed indeed. We wish Christ's peace and joy for the coming year. Narinder

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. Keith




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.

We wish a Happy Birthday to...

Sharon Walters

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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.



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 – This Christmas season, 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 31st 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!