

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
- We continue to pray for Pakistan; for peace and healing 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 weekend: 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 launch this Tuesday 6th Jan; we still need 1 or 2 people to help with refreshments from 10-11am
- For Holtspur Pre-School and Holtspur School

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 and Ruth Collins
- For our church family members: Ruby Cane; Alison Caw; Tony and Janet Chambers; Peter and Mavis Chapman; Peter and Rachel Charles

Sunday 4th January 2015



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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Second Sunday of Christmas

9.45am Church Prayer

**10am Holy Communion
Celebrant and Preacher:
Revd Kevin Beer**

Readings

- **Ephesians 1. 3 - 14 (p. 1173)**
- **John 1. 1 – 9, 10 - 18 (p. 1063)**

Collect for: Second Sunday of Christmas

**God our Father,
in love you sent your Son
that the world may have life:
lead us to seek him among the outcast
and to find him in those in need,
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.**

Services and Events Next Week

Monday 5th

Tuesday 6th

8.30am Morning Prayer -- **Please note new time**
9.30-11.30am Toms Tots starts in St Thomas Hall

Wednesday 7th

8.30-3.30pm Narinder at St Mary's
8pm Second Sunday meeting at the Snelling's home – Please join us to pry and discern the way forward

Thursday 8th

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holtspur School
2pm Standing Committee meets at St Thomas House

Friday 9th

8.45am-12pm Hope Community Drop-in and One Can Food Bank Project
9am Morning Prayer
7pm Holtspur Youth Club
7pm Growing Leaders Course weekend

Saturday 10th

9-5pm Growing Leaders Course weekend continues

Sunday 11th Baptism of Christ

9.45am Church Prayer
10am Morning Praise
Lead: Gill Pearce
Preacher: Revd Narinder Tegally

Readings: Acts 19: 1-7
Mark 1: 4-11



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.**



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: 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' peace and joy for the coming year. Narinder


Thank You!

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...

Doreen Barlow and Rose Nyamu



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.



Toms Tots starts on Tuesday 6th Jan 9.30-11.30am. We have been blessed with 1 regular person to prepare and serve refreshments. We need a couple more to lighten the load. Please pray and discern whether there is a way you can serve your 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 or Tracey.

Talk at St Teresa's - Barnaby Palfrey, lecturer in Spirituality at Sarum College, Salisbury will give a talk entitled "Art and Spirituality" on 10th January, in the new Parish Centre at St Teresa's, Warwick Road, in Beaconsfield New Town behind Waitrose from 10.00 to 12.00am. All are welcome.

URC Men's breakfast - 10th January at 8am. The next men's Breakfast talk is by Dr Conrad Gempf entitled "Jesus Asking Questions". For catering purposes please let Paul know if you intend to go.

