

## 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
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - The theme this year is 'The well is deep' which comes from Brazil - pray as Christ prayed "That we may be one" and for the unity of all Christian people as we share in Christ's ministry
- For peace and tolerance in the world
- For wisdom for all the leaders in the Holy land and Syria

### 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 participants and leaders

### 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 Kiln Court, Senior Citizens Group, Tom Tots, Hope Community Drop-In and One Can Food Bank Project

### 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, Ruth Collins, Wendy, Sheila Newland, Nancy Haggard and Kieran Maguire
- For our church family members: Paul, Janis, Luke and Lewis Cornelius; Graham, Carole and Nikki Corney; Richard, Catherine, Harriet and Isobel Davidson

### Mission – Food for the Hungry

Please pray for:

- The mothers in the DR Congo who are not engaging fully with the maternal health projects because of cultural and religious pressures, May the Lord give them courage and wisdom
- The FH staff in Mwumba Burundi who are about to start up the new school for 400 Children, May the Lord give them the strength and energy to overcome all the obstacles and challenges.
- The poverty unlocked courses that will be run in Beaconsfield in the next few months, may people get a real deep insight into God's heart for the poor and understand how God wants us all to respond to the abject poverty in the World



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Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2015



## St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

*To transform lives through faith in Jesus*

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



### **Second Sunday of Epiphany**

**9.45am Church Prayer**

**10am Holy Communion  
Celebrant and Preacher:  
Revd Narinder Tegally**

#### **Readings**

- **Mark 1: 14-20 (p. 1002)**
- **Revelation 5: 1-10 (p. 1237)**

**Collect for: Second Sunday of Epiphany**

**Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**4-6pm Messy Church at St Mary's**

**6pm Prayer hour at St Thomas'**

## Services and Events Next Week

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

8.30am Morning Prayer at St Thomas (during winter months) -- **Please note new time**  
9.30-11.30am Toms Tots in St Thomas Hall  
6.30-9pm Rock Solid and Synergy youth group meets at St Michael's

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

9am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Holtspur School

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>

7pm Curry Evening with quiz at St Thomas' Hall

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

#### Third Sunday of Epiphany

9.45am Church Prayer  
10am Morning Praise  
Lead: Andrew Snelling  
Preacher: Trevor Sharkey  
Readings: Revelation 19: 6-10  
John 2: 1-11  
3pm Memorial Service followed by tea in the FWC at St Mary's  
6pm Come and hear J John at Christchurch, Chorleywood

**Christmas Collections** - Thank you to all those who contributed to the collections at the Christmas services. £138.02 has been sent to The Children's Society, and £234.76 has been sent to Wycombe Homeless Connection.



**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.**

**"Do your best Quiz night"** - Paul is trying to get together a St Thomas' team to enter the Scouts fundraising Quiz night. It's to be held at 7pm on February 7th at the Scout Hut on Reynolds Road Tickets £10 each to include a Buffet Supper. Speak to Paul if you would like to join the Team. (lifts available)

#### Film Show - We'll be showing the film **Murder on the Orient Express** in the Church Hall at 2pm on Saturday 31 January. Please come along to enjoy the film and chat with our regular local audience during the interval when tea and home-made cakes will be served. If you are able to make some cakes for this event, please sign the sheet at the back of the church - your contributions are always appreciated! Thank you - Social Group.



**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).



**Toms Tots** is off to a great start! 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.

**Holtspur Park** has recently had a new **Outdoor Gym** installed and we would love to encourage people from all sections of our community to use the facilities. With this in mind we have arranged for a **demonstration of the gym equipment** at a future date. If you would be interested in finding out how the equipment works and how it can help in your everyday fitness please contact Helen for more details - [helenpoyser@yahoo.com](mailto:helenpoyser@yahoo.com).



**Barn Dance 2015** - We will once again be holding a Barn Dance at Hall Barn in aid of Newham Renewal. Date is Saturday 18th April. More details to follow. Hope you are able to join us for what is guaranteed to be a great and full of fun evening.

**Bradbury House** has a **mobility scooter** which is taking up valuable space, and they would like to find a good home for it. Perhaps the person who receives it would make a donation to Bradbury House. If you know anyone who would like to have it, please contact Andrew direct on 01494 671780. It is one of the bigger ones, not a fold up version.



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.

We wish a Happy Birthday to...

**Lewis Cornelius, Monica Leeder and Peter Honiball**



**St Mary's Annual Memorial Service** will take place next Sunday 25 Jan at 3pm, followed by a tea. Please let the parish office know for catering purposes that you are coming. If you would like a loved one remembered at the service, please write their names on the list at the back of St Mary's Church.

The Friends of Holtspur Park are holding a **Curry and Bingo Evening** on Saturday 24th January from 7pm at St Thomas Hall. The cost per person is £10 and the evening will include popadums, chicken or vegetable curry with rice and naan bread and fun Bingo! There will also be a bar and Raffle prizes. All proceeds go to Holtspur Park. For more information or tickets please contact Helen - [helenpoyser@yahoo.com](mailto:helenpoyser@yahoo.com).