

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
- To pray for all Christian people as we share in Christ's ministry
- For peace and tolerance in the world
- For Holy land and Syria 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 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 Holtspur School, Holtspur Pre-School, Holtspur Park Friends and Holtspur Youth Club

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, Wendy, Sheila Newland, Nancy Haggard and Kieran Maguire
- For our church family members: Barbara Ferris; Roy and Sybil Fry; Michael and Margaret Grace; Sonia Gray

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 25th January 2015



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

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



Third Sunday of Epiphany

9.45am
10am

Church Prayer
Morning Praise

Lead: Andrew Snelling
Preacher: Trevor Sharkey

Readings

- Revelation 19. 6 - 10 (p. 1247)
- John 2. 1 - 11 (p. 1064)

Collect for: Third Sunday of Epiphany

**God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen.**

3pm

Memorial Service followed by
tea in the FWC at St Mary's

6pm

Come and hear J John at
Christchurch, Chorleywood.
Narinder is going if anyone
would like to join her.

Services and Events Next Week

Tuesday 27th

8.30am Morning Prayer at St Thomas (during winter months) -- **Please note new time**
9.30-11.30am Toms Tots in St Thomas Hall
12.30-2.30pm Senior Citizens group meets at Kiln Court
6.30-9pm Rock Solid and Synergy youth group meets at St Michael's

Wednesday 28th

8.30-3.30pm Narinder at St Mary's
7.30pm Beaconsfield Advisory Service of Rededication and Holy Communion (Please do come and support this very important work in Beaconsfield)
8pm PCC Standing Committee meets in the FWC

Thursday 29th

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holtspur School

Friday 30th

8.45am-12pm Hope Community Drop-in and One Can Food Bank Project
9am Morning Prayer
9.30-11am Pastoral Care Team meets at St Thomas' House
7pm Holtspur Youth Club

Saturday 31st

9.30am Narinder at Burnham Abbey

Sunday 1st Feb

Forth Sunday of Epiphany

9.45am Church Prayer
10am Holy Communion
Celebrant and Preacher:
Revd Dr Jeremy Brooks

Readings: Revelation 12: 1-5a
Mark 1: 21-28

Film Show - We'll be showing the film **Murder on the Orient Express** in the Church Hall at 2.30pm 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.



Tom's Tots on Tuesday mornings is proving to be very popular with about 30 children and their carers, but more help is needed. There is a sign up list at the back of the church for the next 9 sessions. Could you do 1 or 2? Setting up starts at 9am and the toys etc are put away at 11am, when the children and their carers go into the Lounge for story time, singing and prayers. In between help is needed with refreshments and just to generally chat with the people who are there. Can you offer part of a morning? Please sign up to help if you can - even if it is for only 1 or 2 sessions. Contact - Ruth Moores.

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.



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.

Christian Aid Film Evening - Thurs 19th March, 7pm for 7.45pm start at the National Film and Television School. Showing *The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* with Judi Dench, Maggie Smith, Bill Nighy, Dev Patel, Penelope Wilton & Richard Gere. Due for general release on 27th February but please wait until March and help us to raise funds to fight poverty in the world's poorest communities. Tickets £15 (by seat number), including refreshments, available on first come basis. Contact Margaret Mardall 01494 672120 or margaret.mardall@ampersat.co.uk.



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...

**Al Ramsey, Chris Jones
& Ruth Collins**



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.