

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, Nancy Haggar, Kieran Maguire and Peter Sanders
- For our church family members: Peter, Michelle, Max and Millie Honiball; Tina Hulston; Huw, Chris, Nicholas and William Jones

Mission – Toybox

Over the past 18 months, Toybox has been campaigning to register street children and give them their birth certificates. Our partners in Guatemala met an extended family of 16 people across three generations who were all unregistered. Thanks to Toybox's work with local authorities, we are now trying to register the whole family from the youngest child of 9 years old, right up to the grandfather who is 79! How wonderful it must be for him to finally officially exist at almost 80 years old. This really is exciting and goes to show that it is never too late to enjoy having an official identity. Let's use this week to give thanks for this family and the Toybox partners involved in changing their lives.



Sunday 8th February 2015



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

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



Second Sunday before Lent

**9.45am
10am**

**Church Prayer
Morning Prayer
Lead and Preacher:
Rev'd Narinder Tegally**

Readings

- **Colossians 1: 15-20 (p. 1182)**
- **Matthew 25. 14 – 30 (p. 994)**

Collect for: Second Sunday before Lent

**Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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Services and Events Next Week

Monday 9th

Tuesday 10th

8.30am **NO Morning Prayer**
9.30-11.30am Toms Tots in St Thomas Hall
12.30-2pm Ministers' Fellowship at Hope Church
Beaconsfield
2.30-4.30pm Senior Citizens group meets at Kiln Court
6.30-9pm Rock Solid and Synergy Youth Group meets
at St Michael's

Wednesday 11th

8.30-3.30pm Narinder at St Mary's
10.30am Monthly Service at Kiln Court
8.30-5.30pm Messy Church at Holtspur URC
8pm PCC meets at FWC

Thursday 12th

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holtspur School
7.45pm for 8pm Bible Study Group meets at the Snelling
home

Friday 13th

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

Saturday 14th

8.30-10am Men's breakfast at URC Old Town
Chris Daubney will give a talk entitled "One
day it will be all digital"

Sunday 15th

9am Church Prayer
10am **Team Service at St Mary's Church**

Readings: 2 Corinthians 4. 3 - 6
Mark 9. 2 - 9

4-6pm Messy Church at St Mary's in FWC
All are welcome

6pm Prayer Hour

Time and Talents - Following the presentation in church on Sunday 8 February, we are all asked to review and consider the use of our time and talents in the service of God. We have prepared a form (available from the Welcome Desk) which gives some ideas of areas where help is needed; please think about what you could do and how you can be involved. Completed forms to be returned to church by **Sunday 1 March**, please.

Church Meal Out - Sat 28 February 7.00 pm. We've arranged a meal out for the congregation at the Papermill in Loudwater (Brewers Fayre) on Saturday 28 February at 7.00 pm. We'd be delighted if you could come along - just sign up on the list at the back of the church; places are limited! A copy of the menu is available - main courses from £7-£10. Any questions - please contact members of the Social Group.

Men's Breakfast - The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday February 14th at 8.30 when Chris Daubney will give a talk entitled "One day it will be all digital" Let Paul know if you would like to come for catering purposes.



Day Away – Inspiring Women Summer Day: Making a Fresh Start. Tues 23rd June 2015 10am-3.30pm at Waverley Abbey House. Early bird price £29.25 up to 28 April including lunch (normally £32.50). Speaker Fiona Castle will look into Colossians 3 to see how we can all start afresh in God. This day will be a mix of teaching, worship, fellowship and a delicious lunch, all in tranquil and elegant surroundings. Please let Chris Jones know if you are interested in attending.



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.

Vision for Beaconsfield - There will be an open morning on Saturday 21st February in St Thomas' Church from 10am to 12 noon advertising the Vision for Beaconsfield project which aims to hear from as many people as possible on a future plan for our town. Please do come along and find out more and how you can get involved.



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.

Shrove Tuesday Events - At St Michael's, a Team Pancake Party at 4pm for all the family. At St Mary's, a Pancake Supper at 8pm in the Fitzwilliams Centre. Contact the Parish Office to book for the Pancake Supper. Cost for supper is £10.

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...

**Lois Simpson &
Debra Bower**

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



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.**

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2016 - 10-19 May 2016 with Narinder Tegally. A comprehensive 10-day pilgrimage based in Jerusalem and the Galilee. Cost is £1,745. If interested, speak to Narinder for more details.

