

## 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
- We pray as we begin our Lenten journey

### Community

- We pray for all who live and work in Holtspur and Beaconsfield; we thank God for our witness and opportunities in this community
- Tom Tots – we give thanks for the response week by week
- Vision for Beaconsfield Project – open meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> and beyond for future plans

### 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 the family of Alice Trayhorne her children Des, Sue and Maggie and the grand-children as they prepare to say their farewell on Tuesday
- We remember and hold Anne and Keith and all the family in our prayers at the anniversary for Steve
- For our church family members: Jones; Tim, Gill, Rebecca and Katy Jurdon; Monica Leeder; John and Jennifer Lewis; Graham, Jessica and Joanna Marris

### Mission – Toybox

*"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love." 1 John 4:7-8*



In the developed world, the lead up to Valentine's Day can sometimes seem to be almost as important as that to Christmas. We use it as an excuse to shower our loved ones with gifts of chocolates, roses or lavish days out. However, for many of the children with whom Toybox works, Valentine's Day is no different from any other day. Therefore this week, we pray for all the children who are being abused and hurt, that they will learn of the most important love of all at this time: God's love.

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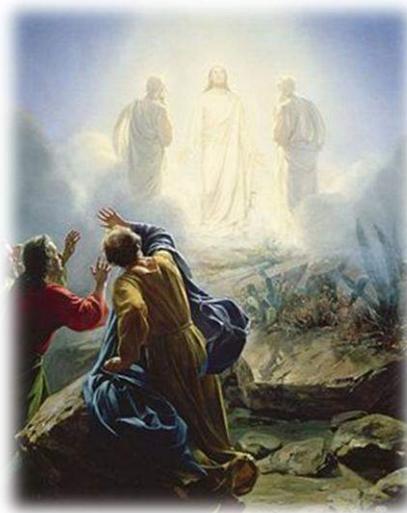
**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2015**



## **St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur**

*To transform lives through faith in Jesus*

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



### **Sunday Next before Lent**

**9am Morning Prayer**  
**10am TEAM SERVICE at St Mary's**

### **Readings for reflection this week**

- **2 Corinthians 4. 3 - 6**
- **Mark 9. 2 – 9**

### **Collect for: Sunday Next before Lent**

**Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

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

**6pm Prayer Hour**

## Services and Events Next Week

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

8.30am Morning Prayer  
11am Funeral Service of Mrs. Alice Trayhorne at St Thomas Church followed by burial at Holtspur Cemetery  
4-5.30pm Shrove Tuesday party at St Michael's for children  
8pm Pancake supper in the FWC. Cost £10

### Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

9am Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at St Marys'  
8pm Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at St Michael's  
Celebrant: Revd Camilla Walton  
Preacher: Revd Narinder Tegally

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

9am Morning Prayer

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>

10am-12noon Vision for Beaconsfield at St Thomas Church  
Please can I encourage you to come along to have your voice heard?  
10.30am Wedding couple – Simon and Lucy at St Thomas' House

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> First Sunday of Lent

9am Morning Prayer  
10am Morning Praise  
Lead: Hazel Chow  
Preacher: Revd Narinder Tegally

Readings: 1 Peter 3. 18 – end  
Mark 1. 9 - 15

**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.

**Day Away – Inspiring Women Summer Day: Making a Fresh Start.** Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.



**Lent Activities** - This year, Churches Together will not be running specific Lent groups. Instead there are a number of activities which we are

encouraging people to join in with as a parish - Lent lunches, Bible studies and other small group activities, lectures and fellowship meals. A simple bread & soup at 12.30 each week. A chance for fellowship with a Lenten reflection and raising money for Christian Aid. Join us on 26th Feb at FWC, 4th Mar at St Teresa's, 11th Mar at Hope Church, 17th Mar at St Thomas', 25th Mar at St Michael's, 1st April at URC Aylesbury.

**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.



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...

**Narinder Tegally & Paul Cornelius**



**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.



**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 17<sup>th</sup> Feb** – 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.

**Vacancies** at Embrace the Middle East in Amersham – Trading Assistant (20 hrs/week), Office Manager/Executive Secretary and Head of Finance. See [www.embraceme.org](http://www.embraceme.org) for more details. Apply by submitting CV directly to [vacancies@embraceme.org](mailto:vacancies@embraceme.org).

