

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 Jordan, Mosul and the Philippines
- For the unity of all Christian people as we share in Christ's ministry
- For the Holy Land, Syria and Ukraine; wisdom for all the leaders; peace and tolerance in the world
- A Prayer for all Women - Loving God, we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end. May we see Your loving hand behind them and guiding them. We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience. We give thanks for all mothers across the world, and all women who have been and are significant in leading and shaping us. We ask you to bless them with your own special love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Saviour and Lord. Amen

Church

- We pray for strengthening relationships between all the Beaconsfield Churches as we seek to serve our community together in the coming year
- The Beaconsfield Team Ministry for unity and fellowship
- Leader's Course: for all the participants and leaders
- As we begin our Lenten journey; for the Lenten Lunches and other activities during Lent; Count your Blessings, Lent House Groups

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 local businesses, Kiln Court and Senior Citizens Group and for the positive responses to Tom Tots
- For Medical, Ambulance, Police and Fire Services

People

- We pray for healing and wholeness for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We continue to hold in prayer Tony Chambers, Patricia Reed, John Lewis, Gareth Buchanan, Kieran Maguire and John Cornelius. We remember all those who care for them
- For our church family members: Caroline, James, William, Katherine & Rebecca Robson; Joyce Salmon; Trevor and Ros Sharkey; Alan and Jenny Shiell

Mission – Tansen Hospital

During March, please pray for Roshan Kharel, our contact at Tansen Hospital and his family, following the death of his mother from lung cancer. Please thank God that the hospital has been able to complete work on its High Dependency Unit and take delivery of new X-ray and ECG machines. Please pray that General Surgeons take a year's sabbatical leave to work at Tansen. In a country where there is no National Health provision, our contribution to the treatment of the increasing number of patients who cannot afford even the greatly reduced fees is vital. Copies of Roshan's e-mail is available at Welcome Team desk.

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Sunday 15th March 2015



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

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

Mothering Sunday



Fourth Sunday of Lent

9.45am Morning Prayer
9.30am Crafts, flowers, coffee and cake
10am Family Communion
Lead: All Age team
Preacher and Celebrate:
The Revd Narinder Tegally

Readings:

- **Exodus 2. 1 - 10 (p. 58)**
- **John 19. 25 - 27 (p. 1088)**

Collect for: Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Merciful Lord,
you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives
and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid
and turn us back to you again;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Services and Events Next Week

Monday 16th

Tuesday 17th

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Toms Tots in St Thomas Hall
(setting up at 9am)
12.30-2pm Churches Together Lent lunch with reflection. In St Thomas Hall. Suggested donation £3 in aid of Christian Aid
6.30 – 8pm **Rock Solid and Synergy** at St Michael's Church Hall

Wednesday 18th

- 8.30-3.30pm Narinder at St Mary's

Thursday 19th

- 9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holtspur School
2pm Christian Aid meeting
7.45pm Bible study group at the Snelling's home

Friday 20th

- 8.45-12pm Hope Community Drop-in and One Can Food Bank Project
10-11.30am Pastoral Care Meeting (venue tbc)
10.30-11.30am Ecumenical Lenten Bible Studies at URC Holtspur
7pm Holtspur Youth Club

Saturday 21st

- 10-3pm Quiet Day at Burnham Abbey led by Rev Alison Caw
10-12noon Who Let the Dads Out in the FWC
2pm Dedication of memorial at 'Woodlands Burial'

Sunday 22nd March - Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 9-9.45am Church Breakfast
9.45am Church Prayer
10am Morning Praise
Lead: Graham Marris
Preacher: Hazel Chow

Readings: tbc

Confirmation 2015 – This year St Thomas' will be hosting the confirmation service on June 21st at 6pm. We will be running a team course of Exploring Confirmation, beginning with an Introductory Evening and Supper on 25th March 7.30pm for 7.45 at St Thomas House. If you cannot make the evening, you can still join the course. Gill Hutchinson and Narinder will be leading the Confirmation classes, and Jeremy will be leading the group for young people. Dates to be confirmed.

Save the Date – Saturday 6 June for an evening concert in St Thomas' Church by RAF Halton Area Concert Band in aid of Mission Aviation Fellowship. More details later. Ruth



Day Away – Inspiring Women Summer Day: Making a Fresh Start. Just 4 tickets still available from Ruth Moores for Tuesday 23 June 10am – 3.30pm at Waverley Abbey. 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. Cost £29.25.



Easter Eggs – with a free Easter Story booklet – a limited number now available from Ruth Moores for £3.99 each

Coffee Morning - in Aid of Traidcraft at Holtspur URC, Crabtree Close Wed 25 March 10.30 - 12 noon. Further details from Hilda Bowerman on 672418.

Revision of Electoral Roll - The annual revision of the Church Electoral Roll is taking place between 8-29 March. Please would you review your entry on the list displayed in the church porch and let me know of any amendments to be made. During this time, anyone wishing to have their name included on the roll should complete an enrolment form (available from the Welcome Desk). Chris Jones (tel: 676975)

Church Breakfast - Breakfast will be served in the Church Hall between 9.00-9.45 am on Sunday 22 March. Do come along to chat over croissants, cereals, fruit and other delights before the 10.00 am service.

Ladies needed - and helpers too for the Lent Lunch this coming Tuesday (17th) in St Thomas Hall. Help is needed for setting up at 11.15, serving from 12.30 and clearing up about 13.30. Do come along and enjoy the home-made soups and chat with people from other churches in the town. Please let Ruth Moores know if you can help.

Teapots, milk jugs and cakes needed - on Friday 20th. St Thomas' has been asked to help set up and serve the tea following the funeral of Helen Gordon Smith. It would be helpful to borrow some tea pots and milk jugs please. If you are available to help set up from 2pm, that would be appreciated. Our reputation for good cakes has spread and so if you are willing to contribute some then please tell Ruth Moores.

Date for your Diary - Maundy Thursday Supper at 7.00 pm on Thursday 2 April in Church

Good Friday Messy Church - at St Michael's 3rd April 9.30-10.30am. Pre-booking required. Contact 676931 for more info.



Cursillo Taster session - The next Cursillo weekend is from the evening of Thursday 16th April to Sunday 19th April. Speak to Kevin Beer 673021 / curate@stmarysbeaconsfield.org.uk) or see the website (www.oxfordcursillo.co.uk) for more information, or to join our local group which meets regularly in Beaconsfield.



Please e-mail your notices to debra@stmarysbeaconsfield.org.uk by Thursday evening each week. Many thanks.

Barn Dance – Sat 18th April from 7pm – 10pm. Tickets £12.50 adults and £6 under 16 years, available from the Parish Office. All funds raised for Newham Renewal Programme.



The Renewal Programme



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.