

Prayer and Thanksgiving this week

People

- Pray for Jay & Don Stanley (Jenny Shiell's parents), Camilla Walton, Keith & Sammy Smith and Brian Collins - we remember all those who care for them.
- For our church family members: Stephen Haynes & family, Margaret Higgs, Peter, Michelle, Max & Millie Honiball and Tina Hulston

Community

- Pray that we may build together God's living Community, bound together by love, hope and joy.
- All who live and work in Holtspur and Beaconsfield
- Thank God for our witness and opportunities in this Community
- Local Businesses

Church

- For strengthening relationships between all the Beaconsfield Churches as we seek to serve our community together.
- For our Steering Group - Narinder, Fiona Collins Tony Griffiths, Trevor Sharkey, Ruth Moores, Steve Snaith, Chris Jones, Chris Cook, Delia and Chris Burley
- Oasis Bereavement Support Group: All those who attend, volunteers and leaders

World

God of hope, who brought love into this world, be the love that dwells between us. God of hope, who brought peace into this world, be the peace that dwells between us. God of hope, who brought joy into this world, be the joy that dwells between us. God of hope, the rock we stand upon, be the centre, the focus of our lives always, and particularly this Advent time.

Mission – Barnabus Fund

Please pray for these situations

- India: Christian woman murdered and believers beaten in three separate attacks
- Central African Republic (CAR): Over 200 reported killed by Islamic militants
- Morocco: Muslim people-smuggler on trial for murder of six Christians on sea crossing
- Hungary: Government department created to aid persecuted Christians in Middle East
- Iran: Converts sentenced to 80 lashes for taking communion
- Algeria: Convert loses appeal against Facebook "blasphemy" conviction
- Pakistan: One Christian killed as suicide bombers target Christian community

Contacts at St Thomas'

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To transform lives through faith in Jesus

27th November 2016

The First Sunday of Advent

- 9.00am** Morning Prayer
- 10.00am** Morning Praise
Lead & Preacher: Narinder

- Advent 1 – Mary
- 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 (page 1144)
- Luke 23: 26-38, 46-55 (page 1060)



The First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

12 – 3pm Holtspur School Christmas Fair

6.30pm Praise Time with the Beaconsfield
Young Life Filing Station Band

Services and Events for Next Week

Monday 28th	12pm	Pray for Young Refugees, URC Aylesbury End
Tuesday 29th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	9.15-11.15	Tom's Tots in St Thomas Hall
Wednesday 30th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at St Mary's
	9am	Holy Communion in Fitzwilliam Centre
Thursday 1st	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	9.15am	Holtspur School
	6-7.30pm	Young Life Group meets at Curzon Centre
Friday 2nd	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	8.45-11am	Hope Café
	7-9pm	Holtspur Youth Club
Saturday 3rd	2.30pm	Film Show with Afternoon Tea in St Thomas Hall – All Welcome
Sunday 4th		The Second Sunday of Advent
	9.00am	Church Prayer
	10am	Holy Communion - Celebrant & Preacher: Narinder <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advent 2 – John the Baptist• Isaiah 11: 1-10• Matthew 3: 1-12
	6.30pm	Advent Healing & Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Celebrant & Preacher: Narinder

Please e-mail your notices to cadali.stthomas@gmail.com
by **Thursday 1pm** next week

LOTS OF HELP NEEDED, PLEASE – Our next **Film Show** is on **Saturday 3rd December** at 2.30 pm in St Thomas' Hall: 'Elf' - a classic Christmas comedy starring Will Ferrell, who goes to the USA in search of his true identity after being raised as an elf at the North Pole.

As our regular helpers are not available we need help to serve refreshments and to clear away after the film show - could you get involved? Please contact Chris Jones or Ruth Moores ASAP. We would also be very grateful if you could to back a cake to serve in the interval. Thank you for signing up.

Advent Calendars with stickers and story book: These are available from Ruth Moores for £2.70. Particularly suitable for 3 to 8 year olds.

Rock Choir Concert on Monday 5th December at Arts4Every1 Centre, High Wycombe in aid of RennieGrove. Chris Jones and Ruth Moores will be singing in the choir and there will be other guest musical performances. Tickets may be bought online <http://www.renniegrove.org/whats-on/detail/rock-choir-christmas-concert-16> or contact Ruth or Chris.

Advent Labyrinth – “Be still and know that I am God” in St Thomas Church: **Thursday 8th December** at 7.30pm to 9pm for church members.

Friday 9th December at 11am-12.30pm and 2-4pm – open to all

Saturday 10th December 10am – 12.30pm and 2-4pm – open to all.

Save the date:

December	8 th /9 th /10 th	Advent Labyrinth
	18 th	Carols by Candlelight at 6.30pm
	21 st	Advent Guided Meditation at 7pm
	24 th	Christingle Service at 4.30pm
	24 th	Shared Midnight Communion at St Mary's at 11.30pm
	25 th	Christmas Day All-Age Communion

Community Christmas Day Lunch at the Parish Centre, St Teresa' Roman Catholic Church, Warwick Road, on **25th December**, organized by members of the Beaconsfield Churches for all those who might be alone at Christmas. A full turkey dinner will be served at 12.30pm (vegetarian option available). There will be no charge for the event, though we welcome donations to cover costs. If you wish to join us **please book by 15th December**.

We would welcome volunteers to help prepare, serve, and clear away the dinner, or provide entertainment.

For further information, to volunteer or to book a place, please contact: Maria Cox, Kevin Broderick, Revd Nigel Douglas (mob. 07714871505; e-mail: minister@beaconsfield-urc.org) or let Narinder know.