

## Prayer and Thanksgiving this week

### People

- Pray for Jay & Don Stanley (Jenny Shiell's parents), Camilla Walton, Sammy Smith and Brian Collins - we remember all those who care for them.
- For our church family members: Huw, Chris, Nicholas & William Jones and Tim, Gill, Rebecca & Katy Jurdon

### 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
- Children's Centre
- Fire Services and Medical Services

### Church

- For strengthening relationships between all the Beaconsfield Churches as we seek to serve our community together.
- Oasis Bereavement Support Group: All those who attend, volunteers and leaders
- Advent and Christmas

### 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 – Great Lakes Outreach Burundi

- Thank God that the country seems to be more politically stable in the past few months
- Ask God to continue to heal the broken relationships that were caused by the President's decision to stay for a third term
- As God for support with the New Generation Street Kids Project which now includes teaching entrepreneurship, and a healing memories program

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ST THOMAS CHURCH  
HOLTSPUR BEACONSFIELD



*To transform lives through faith in Jesus*

**4<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

## The Second Sunday of Advent

**9.00am Morning Prayer**

**10.00am Holy Communion**  
**Celebrant & Preacher: Narinder**

- Advent 2 - John the Baptist
- Isaiah 11: 1-10 (page 696)
- Matthew 3: 1-12 (page 967)



## The Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as  
judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.

**6.30pm Advent Healing & Holy Communion Service**  
**at St Mary's**  
**Celebrant & Preacher: Narinder**

## Services and Events for Next Week

### House Groups meet this week

<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	3pm	Oasis Leaders' meeting at St Thomas House
	6.30pm	Oasis Flackwell Heath
	7.30-9pm	Rock Choir Concert for Rennie Grove at Arts4Every1
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	9.15-11.15	Tom's Tots in St Thomas Hall
	3pm	Kiln Court - Carol Service
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at St Mary's
	9am	Holtspur School
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	9.15am	Holtspur School
	2.30-4pm	Oasis Group meets at St Thomas Church
	6-7.30pm	Young Life Group meets at Curzon Centre
	7.30-9pm	Advent Labyrinth: for House Groups & Congregation
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	8.45-11am	Hope Café
	9.30-11am	Holtspur School visits Advent Labyrinth
	11am-12.30	Advent Labyrinth – open to all
	2-4pm	Advent Labyrinth – open to all
	7-9pm	Holtspur Youth Club
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30am	Men's Breakfast at the URC Aylesbury End
	10am-12.30	Advent Labyrinth
	2-4pm	Advent Labyrinth
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>The Third Sunday of Advent</b>
	9.00am	Church Prayer
	10am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Special – Advent Labyrinth Lead & Preacher: Narinder & Helen Buchanan

Please e-mail your notices to [cadali.stthomas@gmail.com](mailto:cadali.stthomas@gmail.com)  
by Thursday 1pm next week



Wishing a very Happy Birthday to...  
Isobel Davidson, Elliot Collins and Lois Snelling

**Stewardship Pledges:** Thank you to the people who have already reviewed their giving to St Thomas Church and have emailed me or returned their forms. It would be very helpful to have the remaining replies **by Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. *Ruth Moores*

**Advent Labyrinth – “Be still and know that I am God”** in St Thomas Church. Please join us on any of these days:

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.30pm to 9pm for House Groups & Congregation  
**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** at 11am-12.30pm and 2-4pm – open to all  
**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December** 10am – 12.30pm and 2-4pm – open to all.

**Men's Breakfast - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December** at 8.30am URC.  
John MacCombe will give a talk entitled “The Chiltern Open Air Museum”.  
For catering purposes please let Paul know if you intend to go.

### **Homemade mince pies needed please!**

We would be grateful for homemade mince pies to serve with drinks after the Carols by Candlelight Service at 6.30pm on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December**. If you are able to make some, please would you sign up on the list at the back of the church then bring them along to the hall by 5.30pm on 18<sup>th</sup> December.  
Many thanks Social Group.

### **Save the date:**

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

**Community Christmas Day Lunch** at the Parish Centre, St Teresa' Roman Catholic Church, Warwick Road, on **25<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:minister@beaconsfield-urc.org)) or let Narinder know.