

Prayer and Thanksgiving this week

People

- Pray for Rod Welling, Ruby Cane, Jay & Don Stanley, Camilla Walton, Sammy Smith and Brian Collins - we remember all those who care for them.
- For our church family members: Jonathan & Gill Pearce, Ben, Alison, Anna & Lucy Peters and Jan Petts

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
- Schools and 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

We pray for a world that needs to know your love, your hope, your peace, your joy and Salvation. A world that needs to know it is special, unique and loved by you our Heavenly Father. Amen.



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

18th December 2016

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Narinder

- Isaiah 7: 10-16 (page 692)
- Matthew 1: 18 -25 (page 965)



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

6.30pm

**Carols and Readings by Candlelight
followed by mulled wine, mince pies &
festive nibbles in St Thomas Hall**

Services and Events for Next Week

Tuesday 20th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	8.30-2pm	Christmas Market with Carol Singing at 11am in aid of the One Can Trust – Please come along & join in!
	1pm	Holtspur School Christmas Service in Church
Wednesday 21st	8.30am	Morning Prayer at St Mary's
	9am	Holy Communion at FWC
	6.45pm	Guided Christmas Meditation in Church
Thursday 22nd	9am	Funeral Service of Mrs Gladys Eva Seller at Chilterns Crematorium
Friday 23rd	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	8.45-11am	Hope Café
Christmas Eve	4.30pm	Christingle Service – All Welcome
	11.30pm	A Shared Midnight Eucharist at St Mary's
Christmas Day		Happy Christmas to you All!
	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10am	Family Communion Celebrant & Preacher: Narinder
	12.30pm	Community Christmas Day Lunch at the Parish Centre, St Teresa' Roman Catholic Church

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



Wishing a very Happy Birthday to...
Christine Adali

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 18th 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 18th December. Many thanks Social Group.

Christmas Collections - All donations at The Christingle Service will be given to The Children's Society. Those given at the Carols by Candlelight and Christmas Day services will be given to London & Slough Run Charitable Trust which runs the Slough Night Shelter.

Used Postage Stamps: Over recent years, especially over the Christmas period, many of you have very kindly saved your used postage stamps for us. We send them to REACH, a small charity which supports children, like our grand-daughter Jessica, who have been born without part or all of one or both of their arms. We would be very grateful, if once again, you could let us have your used stamps for this charity. Many thanks Margaret & Mike Grace

Thursday Luncheon Club at the Curzon Centre - Open to all Senior Citizens. A three course home cooked meal for just £4. Come along to the Curzon Centre, Maxwell Road, every Thursday at 12noon and enjoy a meal and friendly conversation. Transport can be arranged. For more information contact 01494 672891 or the Parish Office at St Mary's on 01494 676690.

Helpers needed for the monthly **Oasis** meetings to welcome people and help with teas and coffees. If you can help on the occasional Thursday please sign up on the rota at the back of the church. Many thanks Narinder

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.

Save the date:

January	1 st	New Year's Day Service – Holy Communion at 10am
	8 th	Film Show with Afternoon Tea – <i>Florence Foster Jenkins</i>
February	5 th	Film Show with Afternoon Tea – <i>Dad's Army</i>
March	5 th	Film Show with Afternoon Tea – <i>Sing-along Sound of Music</i>