

Prayer and Thanksgiving this week

People

- Pray for Adrienne & Rod Welling, Brian & Ruth Collins, Sid Dixon and Charlie Cameron – we remember all those who care for them.
- Please pray for Narinder and her family following the death of her mother after a long illness; we pray that she will now be at peace. We also pray for Aysha and her family as they settle in to their new home in Mauritius.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with Barbara Jarvis following the death of her husband Don this week. We give thanks for his life and his contribution to the community when he lived in Beaconsfield.
- For our church family members: 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.
- For everyone at St Thomas', as they face change and open themselves to God's will and direction.
- Paul Cornelius as he leads us to the Next Phase at St Thomas' with the Steering Group – Andrew, Chris, Trevor, Tony and Ruth
- For our DCC and Church Wardens – Peter Honiball, Paul Cornelius, Chris Jones, Frank Dardis, Trevor Sharkey, Fiona Collins, Ruth Moores, Catherine Davidson, Helen Buchanan, Keith Smith, Jennifer Lewis and Alison Hart
- Kiln Court and Senior Citizens' Group
- Thank God for our witness and opportunities in this Community.

Church

- For strengthening relationships between all the Beaconsfield Churches as we seek to serve our community together.
- For Peace and Justice

World

God our deliverer, defender of the poor and needy; when the foundations of the earth are shaking, give strength to your people to uphold justice and fight all wrong, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



The World Day against Trafficking in Persons was recognised on 30 July. We know that there is a record number of unaccompanied children making the dangerous journey across Central America, fleeing violence and seeking a better life for themselves and their families. This has left many exposed to violence, exploitation and sexual abuse at the hands of traffickers. Please join us as we pray for God's hand on this incredibly challenging situation and for the safety and wellbeing of all children who are forced to make this difficult journey across the region.



ST THOMAS CHURCH
HOLTSPUR BEACONSFIELD



To transform lives through faith in Jesus

6th August 2017

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

10am

Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher:

Revd Cathy Smith

- **Romans 9: 1-5 (Page 1135)**
- **Matthew 14: 13-21 (Page 981)**

During Holy Communion today, there will be Prayer Ministry available at the back of the church.

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Lord God,

your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Services and Events for Next Week

MON 7th

TUE 8th

WED 9th

8.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
9am Holy Communion at FWC
10.30am Kiln Court Service

THU 10th

FRI 11th

8.45-11am Hope Café Drop-In

SAT 12th

8.30-9.30am We will meet every Saturday in church to pray and discern the way forward for St Thomas'
Please join us

SUN 13th

10am

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

2nd Sunday Special – Songs of Praise

Leads: Helen Buchannan and Alison Hart

Guest Worship Leader: Caroline Spratt

Psalm 100

Psalm 98

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

Following the **Extraordinary General Meeting** on 23rd July at 11.15 to vote on the following proposal:

"It is proposed that St Thomas' church pursue the opportunity for Hope Church to move their worship centre to St Thomas, with a view to Hope Church acquiring the church buildings and the Hall at some future point."

The **result from the ballot**, where 57 people were entitled to vote:

52 Votes cast

40 Yes

9 No

3 Abstain

If you shop at **Tesco's** please vote for **Holtspur School** with your blue tokens in the **Bags for Help** community scheme. Vote is open until **31st August**. Many thanks.



Retreat Day 'Oneness: Our interconnectedness' with Jennifer Kavanagh on **Friday 11th August** at Jordans Quaker Centre. £35 (or what you can afford) 'Bring & Share Lunch'. To book contact: office@jordansquakercentre.org or 01494 876594.



Open Churches Day, **Saturday 9th September** is an event like no other. Why not take part this year and find out for yourself what extraordinary things lie quietly behind the churchyard gates and creaking doors of Buckinghamshire's many churches and chapels. Ride + Stride is open to walkers as well as horse-riders and cyclists – in fact to anyone using a non-mechanical form of transport. The object is to raise money for the repair and restoration of churches and chapels of any Christian denomination in Buckinghamshire. Half the money raised goes to the church or chapel of the participant's choice, and the other half is added to a general fund which is administered by the Bucks Historic Churches Trust.

For more info: <http://bucks-historic-churches.org/ride-stride/>

Save the date:

September 30th Harvest Supper
December 8th & 9th Christmas Tree Festival

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