

Prayer and Thanksgiving this week

People

- Pray for Adrienne & Rod Welling, Brian & Ruth Collins and Charlie Cameron – we remember all those who care for them.
- For our church family members: June Newman, Ben, Alison, Anna and 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
- Local Businesses
- 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 of compassion, your love for humanity was revealed in Jesus, whose earthly life began in the poverty of a stable and ended in the pain and isolation of the cross: we hold before you those who are homeless and cold especially in this bitter weather. Draw near and comfort them in spirit and bless those who work to provide them with shelter, food and friendship. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Mission – Great Lakes Outreach

- Please say a prayer for Dieudonne (the leader of New Generation who shared with St Thomas' in the summer), who had to go into hospital with high blood pressure. He is out now, but off work.
- Please pray for Belyse, a 10 year old girl with learning difficulties. Belyse's mother is a sex worker who started offering her daughter to clients. Neighbours found her tied up and brought her to New Generation. She is now going to a special needs boarding school.
- Pray that the school fees for Belyse will be forthcoming so she can continue at school.



ST THOMAS CHURCH
HOLTSPUR BEACONSFIELD



To transform lives through faith in Jesus

3rd December 2017

The First Sunday of Advent

10am

Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher:

Revd Cathy Smith

- **1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 (Page 1144)**
- **Mark 13: 24-37 (Page 1019)**

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

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.



Services and Events for Next Week

TUE 5th	9.15am	Tom's Tots
WED 6th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at St Mary's
	9am	Holy Communion at FWC
	7.30pm	Meeting for helpers with Christmas Day Lunch at St Theresa's
	7.30pm	Brooks in Burundi – a talk about Jeremy's visit to New Generation in Burundi – Great Lakes Outreach
FRI 8th	7-9pm	Holtspur Youth Club
SAT 9th	8.30-9.30am	We will meet every Saturday in church to pray and discern the way forward for St Thomas' Please join us
	10.30-3.30pm	Christmas Tree Fayre
SUN 10th		The Second Sunday of Advent
	10am	2nd Sunday Special Lead: Paul Cornelius Preach: Sheena Dykes – Wycombe Homeless Connection 2 Peter 3: 8-15a Mark 1: 1-8
	6pm	Carols and Readings by Candlelight followed by mulled wine and festive nibbles

Save the date:

December	Sun 24 th	Christingle Service at 4pm
	Mon 25 th	Christmas Communion



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

Meeting for helpers for the Christmas Day lunch is on Wednesday 6th December in the St Teresa's Parish at 7.30pm.

No service at St Thomas' on New Year's Eve. There will be no service here at St Thomas' on Sunday 31st December but we are all welcome to worship at St Mary's where in addition to the normal 10.00am parish communion, there will be a Watch Night Service at 6.30pm. There will also be the usual communion service at St Michael's at 10.30am if you prefer.

Wanted for Christmas Tree Fayre

In order to display the trees in the church we will need the following:

Stands - e.g. kitchen stools, small tables, a free standing ladder (A frame)

Cloths - plain green or red, e.g. table cloths, curtains, bedspreads. If you have anything suitable please speak to Ros. I will need them brought to St Thomas on Sunday 3rd December, either after the service or at 2pm and if possible keep until Sunday 31st. Please phone me on 07780 950214 if you need anything collected.

Everything will be returned to you. Thank you for your help, Ros

TOMBOLA AND RAFFLE (for Christmas Tree Fayre)

We would like to invite you to bring donations of bottles for the Tombola stall - anything from shampoo or olive oil to shower gel or champagne. We also need some luxury Christmas goodies to add to the hamper which will be raffled, please. All contributions can be left in the storage box under the Welcome table in church. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS 9 & 10 December - We need your help, please!

As you know, we will be holding a **Christmas Tree Fayre** in the Church and Hall on **Saturday 9th December** from 10.30 - 3.30 pm. On this day we will need lots of offers of help to set up, look after stalls, sell raffle tickets, help with refreshments, make cakes for sale, greet visitors, clear up after the event. Please sign up to help as and when you can on the rotas at the back of the church.

On **Sunday 10th December**, our annual **Carols by Candlelight Service** will be held at 6pm in the Church. We will need help with providing sweet festive nibbles, setting up and serving refreshments in the Hall as well as clearing up at the end of the evening.

Please think about what you could do to help - we'll find a job to suit you!
Chris Jones tel: 676975

If you would like a lift to our Carol service on Sunday 10th December at 6pm, please contact Helen on 01494674274.



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

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