

## 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.
- Please pray for the family and friends of Elizabeth Meredith at this time of bereavement.
- For our church family members: Ilse Rankin, Peter Read, Dilys Reeves and Caroline, James, William, Katherine & Rebecca Robson

### 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*

**10<sup>th</sup> December 2017**  
**The Second Sunday of Advent**

**10am**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Special**

**Lead: Paul Cornelius**

**Preach: Sheena Dykes –**

**Wycombe Homeless Connection**

- **2 Peter 3: 8-15a (Page 1224)**
- **Mark 1: 1-8 (Page 1002)**



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### 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.



## Services and Events for Next Week

<b>TUE 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15am 2pm	Tom's Tots Senior Citizens' Group meet at Kiln Court - <i>Christmas Singing (led by SBU3A)</i>
<b>WED 13<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30am 9am	Morning Prayer at St Mary's Holy Communion at FWC
<b>THU 14<sup>th</sup></b>	2.30-4pm	Oasis Group meets in St Thomas Lounge
<b>FRI 15<sup>th</sup></b>	11am	Service of Thanksgiving for Elizabeth Meredith's life at St Michael's
	7-9pm	Holtspur Youth Club
<b>SAT 16<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30-9.30am	We will meet every Saturday in church to pray and discern the way forward for St Thomas' <b>Please join us</b>

**SUN 17<sup>th</sup>**

**10am**

### **The Third Sunday of Advent**

#### **Holy Communion**

**Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Ian Brown**

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

### Save the date:

<b>December</b>	Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle Service at 4pm Christmas Family Communion
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**Wishing a very Happy Birthday to...**  
**Kian Dardis**

With the  
**Lord** a day  
is like a  
thousand  
years  
and a thousand  
years  
are like a day.  
2 Peter 3 vs.8

On **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

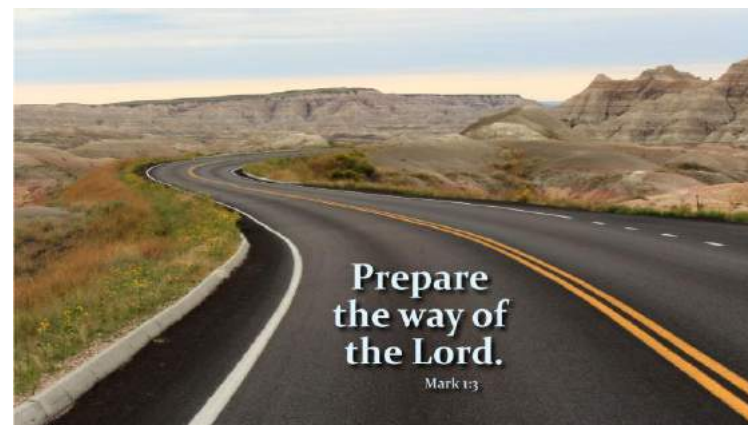
Please think about what you could do to help - we'll find a job to suit you!

Chris Jones tel: 676975

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



**No service at St Thomas' on New Year's Eve.** There will be no service here at St Thomas' on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.



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

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