

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 Gill, Ben and Crispin Pearce as they grieve the loss of Jonathan.
- For our church family members: Joyce Salmon, Trevor & Ros Sharkey and Alan & Jenny Shiell

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.
- 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
- Oasis Group and Kiln Court
- 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 Neighbours found her tied up and brought her to New Generation. She is 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

17th December 2017

The Third Sunday of Advent

10am

Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher:

Revd Ian Brown

- **1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 (Page 1188)**
- **John 1: 6-8, 19-28 (Page 1063)**

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

The Third Sunday of Advent

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.



Services and Events for Next Week

TUE 19th	9.15am	Tom's Tots
WED 20th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at St Mary's
	9am	Holy Communion at FWC
	10.30am	Service at Kiln Court
THU 21st		
FRI 22nd		
SAT 23rd	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 24th		The Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve
	10am	Morning Praise Lead: Andrew Snelling Preach: Hazel Chow Romans 16: 25-end Luke 1: 26-38
	4pm	Christingle Service

Save the date:

December Mon 25th Christmas Family Communion



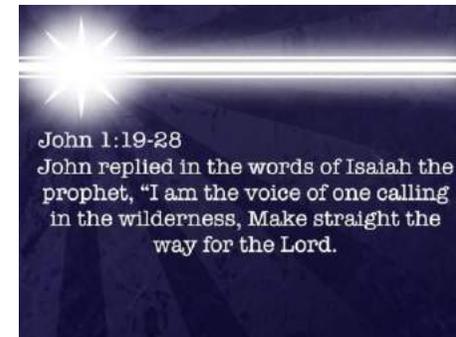
Wishing a very Happy Birthday to...
Christine Adali



Thank you very much to everyone who was involved in last week's **Christmas Tree Fayre** - from producing publicity material, painting banners, donating goods, collecting and delivering Christmas trees, setting up tables, welcoming guests, serving refreshments, making items to sell and eat, running stalls, making announcements, selling raffle tickets and also clearing up after the event; I hope I haven't missed anyone out! It was very much a team effort which was rewarded with a very successful day which had a real community feel about it. We raised just over £1,000 for Wycombe Homeless Connection and each of the stall holders seemed to be happy with the profit they had made for their own organisations. Many thanks for supporting this event. Chris Jones

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.

Christmas Collections - The collection at the Christingle Service will be given to The Children's Society and the collection on Christmas Day will be given to London and Slough Run (Night Shelter in Slough).



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

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