

## 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: Sam & Rob Simmonds, Lois, Mark, Charlie & Freddie Simpson and Keith, Anne & Samuel Smith

### 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
- Senior Citizens Group and those who have been bereaved
- 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 forth coming so she can continue at school.



ST THOMAS CHURCH  
HOLTSPUR BEACONSFIELD



*To transform lives through faith in Jesus*

**24<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Christmas Eve**

**10am**

**Morning Praise**

**Lead: Andrew Snelling**

**Preach: Hazel Chow**

- **Romans 16: 25-end (Page 1142)**
- **Luke 1: 26-38 (Page 1026)**



**Christmas Eve**

Almighty God,  
as we prepare with joy  
to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child,  
embrace the earth with your glory  
and be for us a living hope  
in Jesus Christ our Lord



**4pm**

**Christingle Service  
with Hope Church**

**25<sup>th</sup> December 2017  
Christmas Day**

**10am**

**Family Communion**

**Celebrant & Preacher:  
Revd Cathy Smith**



## Services and Events for Next Week

**WED 27<sup>th</sup>**      8.30am      Morning Prayer at St Mary's  
                         9am              Holy Communion at FWC

**SUN 31<sup>st</sup>**                      **The First Sunday of Christmas**  
   **New Year's Eve**  
**10am**                      **Team Service at St Mary's**

### **Licencing of Sharon Roberts**

Unfortunately, Bishop Alan is now unable to licence Sharon Roberts on the evening of 3<sup>rd</sup> January, so has kindly agreed that this can take place at his house that afternoon. The proposed service that evening therefore will not now happen. It is still intended that Sharon's ministry for 2018 will be based at St Thomas' within the Beaconsfield Team Ministry

Tony Chambers very kindly took a large number of **photos of the Christmas Tree Fayre** which are now displayed on one of the green notice boards at the back of the church. Please take a moment to have a look at the photos. If you would like a copy of any of the pictures, I'm very happy to send you an electronic version. Chris Jones

We will be **dismantling the Christmas Tree display** before the end of December and there are two opportunities when the church will be open for you to take your tree:

- after our Christmas Day service
- between 10.00-11.00 am on Thursday 28 December

If neither of the above times are convenient to you, please contact Ros Sharkey on 07780 950214 to arrange a mutually convenient time.



**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.

**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).

**Admiral Nurse Fundraising Coffee Morning on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January** 10.30am-12pm at Holtspur Until Reformed Church, Crabtree Close, HP9 1UQ. £5 donation. Contact Hilda Bowerman for more details on 672418.

**Amersham Deanery Pilgrimage – Oberammergau Passion Play - 17th to 23rd June 2020:** The Amersham Deanery Pilgrimage is centred on the Oberammergau Passion play. The aim is to provide an opportunity to spend time reflecting on Christ's passion, as well as taking the opportunity to visit a number of places of spiritual and historic interest. Christoph Lindner, Rector of Denham, has agreed to be our Chaplain for the pilgrimage. For further information go to: <http://www.amershamdeanery.org.uk/oberammergau.html>



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

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