

## 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.
- Pray for the Jurdon family as the funeral service for Tim's mother takes place this week.
- Please pray for Gill, Ben and Crispin Pearce as they grieve the loss of Jonathan.
- For our church family members: Andrew, Julie, Lois & Joanna Snelling, Shubhangi Sonawane and Pam Southgate

### 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
- One Can Trust and Friends of Holtspur Park
- 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*

**31<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

**The First Sunday of Christmas**

**New Year's Eve**

**No Service at St Thomas**

**10am**

**Holy Communion at St Mary's**

**10.30am**

**Holy Communion at St Michael's**

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**The First Sunday of Christmas**

God in Trinity,  
eternal unity of perfect love:  
gather the nations to be one family,  
and draw us into your holy life  
through the birth of Emmanuel,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

**6.30pm**

**Watch Night Service at St Mary's**

## Services and Events for Next Week

<b>WED 27<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at St Mary's
	9am	Holy Communion at FWC
<b>FRI 5<sup>th</sup></b>	7-9pm	Holtspur Youth Club
<b>SUN 7<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>The Baptism of Christ</b>
		<b>The First Sunday of Epiphany</b>
	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
		<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher:</b>
		<b>Revd Sharon Roberts</b>

### Save the Date:



**Wishing a very Happy Birthday to...**  
**Sharon Walters and Doreen Barlow**

### **Licensing 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.

On **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January** we will be having wine and cake after the 10.00 service to **welcome Sharon to the St Thomas's family.**

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



Brian Purfield, lecturer in Theology at Mount Street Jesuit Centre in London, will give a talk on the theme of: "**Understanding St John's Gospel**" - on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January**, in the new Parish Centre at St Teresa's, Warwick Road, in Beaconsfield new town behind Waitrose at 10.00 to 11.30am with refreshments beforehand. Everyone in the locality and beyond, and of any faith or none, is invited.

The **Memorial Service for Jonathan Pearce** is on **20<sup>th</sup> January** at St Mary's at 2pm.

**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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