

## Prayer and Thanksgiving this week

### People

- Pray for Saheena, Janet Chambers, Joe Flynn, Brian & Ruth Collins and Charlie Cameron – we remember all those who care for them.
- Revd Jeremy Brooks, recovering from surgery on his broken hip.
- For our church family members: Monica Leeder, Jennifer Lewis and Derek & Ruth Moores

### Community

- Pray that we may build together God's living Community, bound together by love, hope and joy.
- For everyone at St Thomas' and for Michael Johnson and his wife Yulia and their daughters Polina and Milana as they settle in.
- For our DCC and Churchwardens - Peter Honiball, Paul Cornelius, Chris Jones, Trevor Sharkey, Fiona Collins, Ruth Moores, Richard Davidson, Keith Smith, Alison Hart and Julie Snelling.
- Local Businesses 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 pray for:

- That God has used the GLO mission conference this week to awake the church leaders for mission.
- A GLO retreat for the leaders and staff of the organizations, which are involved in the Muslim outreach from 19-21/12
- The continuation of project New Generation which rescues and trains street children in the Capital.
- Peace in Burundi, especially for the end of the year, which brings so often rumours and fear of war.
- Protection on all the leaders and families who are serving the different GLO organisations.



ST THOMAS CHURCH  
HOLTSPUR BEACONSFIELD



*To transform lives through faith in Jesus*

**9<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**The Second Sunday of Advent**

**10am**

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

**Lead: Helen Buchanan**

**Preach: Andrew Snelling**

- **Philippians 1: 3-11 (Page 1178)**
- **Luke 3: 1-6 (Page 1029)**



### **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>MON 10<sup>th</sup></b>	2.15pm	Young at Heart at URC Crabtree Close
<b>TUE 11<sup>th</sup></b>	9am	Morning Prayer at St Thomas
	9.15am	Tom's Tots in St Thomas Hall
	2.30pm	Senior Citizens' meet at Kiln Court - <i>USA Choir : Christmas Songs and Festive Food</i>
<b>WED 12<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at St Mary's
	9am	Holy Communion at FWC
<b>THU 13<sup>th</sup></b>	9am	Morning Prayer at St Thomas
	2.30pm	Oasis Group meets in Lounge of St Thomas Hall
<b>SAT 15<sup>th</sup></b>	9-9.30am	Praying Together at St Thomas Church
<b>SUN 16<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>The Third Sunday of Advent</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher: Revd Michael Johnson</b> Zephaniah 3: 14-end Luke 3: 7-18
	7pm	Carols by Candlelight

### Save the Date:

<b>December</b>	24 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle Service at 4.30pm
<b>January</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	Open Meeting at 11.30am after service
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Open Meeting at 9.30am after morning prayers



**Wishing a very Happy Birthday to...**  
**Kian Dardis**

### **Used Postage Stamps.**

Now that Christmas is coming, we would be very grateful if you could save your used postage stamps for us. As many of you know, we send them to Reach, a small charity which supports children, like our grand daughter Jessica, born without part of their arms or hands. Thank you. Margaret and Mike

### **Readers Wanted for Carol Service!**

If you would like to read one of the bible passages at the Carol service on the **16th December** please let Andrew or Michael know. All are welcome; you don't have to be one of the regular readers. Thank you

**Refreshments wanted for after the Carol Service.** We will be serving mulled wine and juice after the service and would appreciate small mince pies, and any "Christmassy" contributions. Please sign the list at the back of church.

**LONDON RUN** - On **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December** we will be going up to London with presents, food, clothing and carol singers. If you are able, we would be grateful for the following: 2 rounds of sandwiches (meat, cheese, peanut butter, marmite, jam), a chocolate bar, crisps, small soft drink, mince pie, cake, fruit and a small present (socks, scarf, gloves, long johns, tights) marked women or men and a card signed "someone who cares". I would be grateful if you would deliver these either on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> or Monday 17<sup>th</sup> in the morning. Many thanks - our homeless friend really appreciate your kindness. Sylvia Jones

**Wooburn Singers at Christmas - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** at 7.30pm at St Mary's. Please come and hear some beautiful festive music with some audience singing too! I am singing and can get tickets (£15, under 18s free) for anybody who would like to go. Contact Caroline Robson 01494 730674.

**MARY** – Our morning service on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** will have a 'Mary' theme. Michael is keen to hear from anyone (especially women) who would like to contribute in any way, with a reading, poem, or by sharing an impression the character of Mary has made on you. We also need a few people willing to read short pieces pre-written. Please contact Michael directly.

**Statement of Union consultation** - the details have been emailed to members of St Thomas' congregation and there are some hard copies available for those who have not received the email. The **next open meeting** will be held on **6th January** at 11.30am in Church.

**FACEBOOK** - St Thomas' now has its own facebook page. If you're on facebook, search for 'St Thomas Church' and you'll find one in Beaconsfield! For now, it will be most useful for circulating publicity about our Christmas events. More content will follow next year.

**GARAGE** – Michael and Yulia would like to clear all unclaimed furniture/white goods out of the vicarage garage. If you know who owns or wants any of it, please tell Michael or one of the Churchwardens very soon!

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

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