

Prayer and Thanksgiving this week

People

- Pray for Saheena, Joe Flynn, Brian & Ruth Collins and Charlie Cameron – we remember all those who care for them.
- Give thanks for Janet Chambers who died this week, may she rest in peace and rise in glory. We keep Tony and their family in our prayers at this difficult time.
- Revd Jeremy Brooks, recovering from surgery on his broken hip.
- For our church family members: June Newman, Ben, Alison, Anna & Lucy Peters and Jan Petts

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 love,
turn our hearts to your ways;
and give us peace.
Amen.

Mission – Great Lakes Outreach

Please pray for:

- 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.



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HOLTSPUR BEACONSFIELD



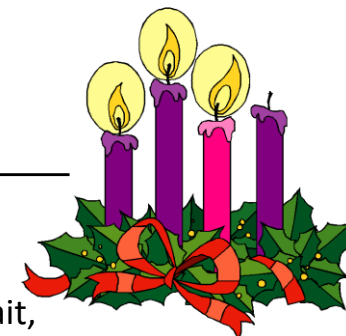
To transform lives through faith in Jesus

16th December 2018
The Third Sunday of Advent

10am

Holy Communion
Celebrant & Preacher
Revd Michael Johnson

- **Zephaniah 3: 14-end (Page 947)**
- **Luke 3: 7-18 (Page 1029)**



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.

7pm

Carols by Candlelight
followed by festive nibbles



Services and Events for Next Week

MON 17th	2.15pm	Young at Heart at URC Crabtree Close
TUE 18th	9am	Morning Prayer at St Thomas
	11-12noon	Holtspur School Rehearsal at Church
WED 19th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at St Mary's
	9am	Holy Communion at FWC
	1.15-2pm	Holtspur School Service at St Thomas Church
THU 20th	9am	Morning Prayer at St Thomas
	7.30pm	Blue Christmas at St Mary's
FRI 21st	11.15am	Memorial Service for Janet Chambers
SAT 22nd	9-9.30am	Praying Together at St Thomas Church
SUN 23rd	10.00am	The Fourth Sunday of Advent
		Mary's Story
		Lead & Preach: Revd Michael Johnson
		Micah 5: 2-5
		Luke 1: 39-55

Save the Date:

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



Wishing a very Happy Birthday to...
Christine Adali

JANET CHAMBERS – Many of us are mourning the unexpected loss of Janet, who died on 11th December. Her funeral will be on **Friday 21st December**. According to Janet's wishes, her commendation and committal at the crematorium will be for family only. Following that, everyone is welcome to a **Memorial Service** in St Thomas' Church at 11.15am, to celebrate Janet's life. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Request for Homemade Cakes - We anticipate that a large number of people will attend **Janet's funeral** and we would like St Thomas' to provide homemade cakes for the buffet table. Would you be able to make some cakes for **Friday 21st December**, please? If so, please let me know what you are able to make - we are catering for 100+ people. Thank you very much. Tel: Chris Jones 676975

Used Postage Stamps. Margaret and Mike would be very grateful if you could save your used postage stamps for them, for the charity Reach. Many thanks

LONDON RUN - On **Monday 17th 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 16th or Monday 17th in the morning. Many thanks - our homeless friend really appreciate your kindness. Sylvia Jones

Blue Christmas - a quiet service of carols and readings for memory and reflection. Christmas can be a difficult time for many people and our three church communities have particular sadnesses at the moment. If Christmas jollity seems distant to you, for whatever reason, this short service offers space to reflect quietly, light candles, and hang stars of remembrance on the Christmas tree. **Thursday 20th December** at 7.30 pm at St Mary's.

Wooburn Singers at Christmas - Saturday 22nd December at 7.30pm at St Mary's. 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 23rd 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 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! Please like the page and share 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 by **Thursday 1pm**

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