

Prayer and Thanksgiving this week

World

- We pray for the crisis situation in the Gaza strip and pray for peaceful resolution and wisdom for the leaders
- For the situation in South Sudan where the civil war is now leading to one of the worst cases of famine on record
- For all those who have died in the Malaysian airline tragedy

Church

- Pray for strengthening relationships between all the Beaconsfield churches as we seek to serve our community together
- For the Beaconsfield Team Ministry, its clergy and congregations and for Ben as he prepares to leave Beaconsfield

Community

- We pray for all who live and work in Holtspur
- Thank God for our witness and opportunities in this community; we pray for all who live in Holtspur Parade, Holtspur Way, Holtspur Close and Top Farm Close
- For Kiln Court, Senior Citizens Group and Hope Cafe
- Lighthouse Beaconsfield 2014; for all the children registered for Lighthouse and their families, Trustees and for more Lighthouse keepers

People

- We pray for healing and wholeness for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We continue to hold in prayer John Lewis, Jill Croft, Baby Amelie and her parents Jenny and John, Hilary Rhodes, Muriel Hargreaves Chris Burley and Joanna Olienak; and for all who care and support those who are in need
- We pray for Peter and Philip Robinson as they mourn the loss of their father Bill who died on Thursday morning; may he rest in peace and rise in glory
- For Craig Ashley, Stuart Buchan's best friend serving in Afghanistan
- For all who are preparing for marriage this summer and the commitments they will make to one another
- For those discerning whether to enrol on the 'Growing Leader's course or Alpha
- For our church family members: Derek and Ruth Moores; Catherine and Richard Orton; and Jonathan and Gill Pearce

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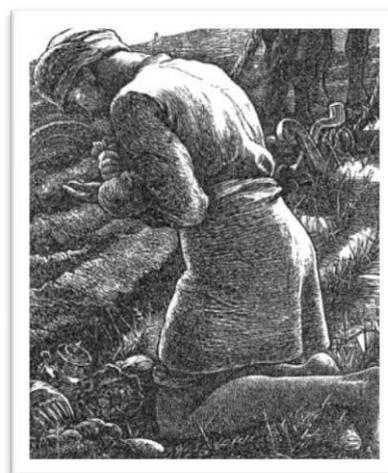
Sunday 27th July 2014



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

**We give you a warm welcome
as you join us**



Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9-9.45am Breakfast

9.15am Church Prayer

10.00am Morning Praise
Lead: Gill Pearce
Preacher: Ben Askew

We say farewell to Ben

Readings

- **2 Kings 2. 1 – 18 (p. 369)**
- **Matthew 13. 44 – 52 (p. 980)**

Collect for: Sixth Sunday after Trinity

**Creator God,
you made us all in your image;
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**3.30-5.30pm Lighthouse Dedication
Service at The
Beaconsfield School**

Services and Events Next Week

Monday 28th

Lighthouse Week

Tuesday 29th

Lighthouse Week

Wednesday 30th

Lighthouse Week
2.30pm Funeral Service of Bill Robinson at Chilterns Crematorium followed by "A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving" with readings, tributes, prayers and refreshments in St Thomas' gardens (weather permitting) about 3.30pm. You are all welcome.

Thursday 31st

Lighthouse Week

Friday 1st

Lighthouse Week
8.45-12noon Hope Community Drop-in and One Can Food Bank project

Sunday 3rd

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

***There WILL NOT be a service at St Thomas' Church on Sunday 3rd August**

10.00am Please join us at The Beaconsfield School for a United Service of Celebration

12noon Act of Remembrance at War Memorial in Old Town Beaconsfield followed by service in St Mary's Church to mark the centenary of World War 1

6pm Prayer hour at St Thomas'

Growing Leader's Course – It is not too late to sign up. Speak to Narinder if you are interested in joining the course.

Beaconsfield Team Parish Retreat 29th – 31st August at Ladywell Retreat and Spirituality Centre, Godalming led by the Rev'd Jan Brookshaw (former Beaconsfield Team curate) – "The Harvest of our faith". See fliers at the back of church.

We wish a Happy Birthday to... Tony Chambers !!!

Steve Painting is to be licensed at a service at 7pm on Tuesday 29th July in St. John's Church Wellington. He and Claire would value the prayers of the congregation at St. Thomas' at this time as there is so much going on for them, speak to Paul if you would like more information.



Alpha Course: The Pre-Alpha evening will be held at St. James GX on Thurs 25th Sept at 7.30pm with an amazing Gospel Choir and there will be food and drinks...more information to follow. Contacts are Kevin 01494 673021 & Flora Pedler 01494 674146.

Embrace has launched an emergency appeal for our Christian partners in Gaza. To donate, please visit www.embrace.org/gaza and for up-to-date prayer requests, please visit www.embrace.org/pray.

Gaza appeal 'Picking up the pieces': Rashid has seen first hand the devastation and despair that is Gaza. Not yet eight years old, he has witnessed the destruction of homes, injury to relatives and the fear in the eyes of his parents. Being so young, he is unaware that the social care and support systems in the Gaza Strip have been overwhelmed by 100,000 displaced people, or that schools have become field hospitals.

Amid the conflict and oppression, a tiny Christian community stands ready to pick up the pieces. There are only 1,300 Palestinian Christians left in Gaza, but they are champions of social justice in this shattered environment. They provide an emergency medical response and humanitarian aid, counsel traumatized and bereaved people, and educate a generation that longs to see a future beyond the cycle of hatred and violence.

Please help us to support our partners as they deal with the effects of the current conflict.

One partner has asked that we 'Pray that we might be different from the darkness that is spreading around us. Pray that we will stay true to the message of the Gospel. Pray that we will be salt and light to the people around us at this time.'

Mission: The Newham Renewal Programme



The Renewal Programme

- We give thanks for our friends in Newham
- We pray for the people they seek to help from many races and countries with so many diverse problems
- We give thanks that, after so many twists and turns, they have finally sorted out issues over accommodation for R.A.M.P and for the opportunity to do more work by now having the space to do it. They will shortly be moving R.A.M.P, their college and their administration function into the Shalom Centre in Newham

Newham Event: Bill Edwards and John Brown are going to walk from Beaconsfield to Newham via The Thames Path to raise funds via sponsorship starting on 16th September 2014. On 20th September, there will be a picnic in Barrier Park, Greenwich to welcome the walkers at the finish. All are welcome. More details at St Mary's Parish Office at 676690.



Please e-mail your notices to debra@stmarysbeaconsfield.org.uk or post to St Thomas' House, Mayflower Way HP9 1UF by Thursday evening each week. Many thanks.

Prayer Ministry - If you would like prayer for yourself or for someone you are concerned for there will be someone from the prayer ministry group. **They will be available to pray with you at the back of the church during a Communion or after the intercessions in a Morning Praise service.**



Can You Help? DIY tasks around the Church - Please read the poster at the back of church that lists various DIY jobs such as painting, pointing, vacuuming... Which ones can you do? Speak to Derek (673167) for more details.

Say Farewell to Bishop John at the Diocese of Oxford's Grand Day Out! Saturday 20 September, 2014: 10.00 – 17.00, Oxford City Centre. Everyone is invited to give thanks for Bishop John's ministry among us, for prayer and worship, a feast of different activities, a massive picnic on Christ Church Meadow and a huge open-air farewell Eucharist. There will be a programme of workshops, speakers and activities. The sessions are free but **you need to book tickets** for individual events. More information at www.oxford.anglican.org/granddayout.

