

## Please pray for:

- The Police
- Local Schools
- Single Parents
- Churches Together – Beaconsfield and Holtspur URC
- Kenya – The MAF Kenya staff
- Holtspur School
- Kitty Greenwood
- The appointment process for our new Team Vicar

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2012



## St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

*To transform lives through faith in Jesus.*

We give you a warm welcome as you join us.



### Our Church Family

Doreen and Stan Barlow  
George Berry  
Peter and Pat Binns  
Jenny and Stuart Buchan  
Gareth, Helen, Sarah and Neil Buchanan

During January we are asked to pray for the work of the Toybox Charity.



"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you". *1 Thessalonians 5:16 – 18*

Please pray for Linda a 17 year old girl who lives at Hierbabuena and hopes to get a good job and make a difference in the world. Linda asks for prayer, "That I can learn to control my behaviour better and that God will help me achieve the purpose he has for me in this world. Pray also for my family, that we may be able to live with each other again soon."

### Today at St. Thomas's

8.45am Church Breakfast  
9.15am Church Prayer  
10.00am Morning Worship

### Readings:

- Revelation 19:6-10 (page 1247)
- John 2: 1-11 (page 1064)

### Collect for the Third Sunday of Epiphany:

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen

11.45am Church Prayer

### Contacts at St Thomas'

Vicar: Interregnum  
Team Rector: Rev. Jeremy Brooks 677058  
Team Curate: Cassa Messervy 678684  
Youth Worker: Ben Askew  
Churchwardens: Jenny Niven 670479  
Gill Pearce 676810  
Hall Bookings: Lou Crowden 674196

### Notice Sheet

Please e-mail your notices to [phoniball@gmail.com](mailto:phoniball@gmail.com) or post to 2 Holtspur Top Lane by Thursday evening each week.

## Next Week at St. Thomas'

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am Holy Communion

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January

9.15am Church Prayer

10.00am Songs of Praise

#### Readings:

- Psalm 111 (page 613)
- Mark 1: 21-28 (page 1002)

11.45am Church Prayer

Flowers in the Church - Here in St Thomas' we have always had the pleasure of our church being beautifully decorated with flowers, this has been co-ordinated by Janet Chambers for many years. Now she has retired from this role I have agreed to take it on. Please consider if you would like to contribute to making our church look its best. Flowers do not necessarily have to be 'arranged' – a vase of cut flowers or a flowering plant (which can then be taken home again) would look very attractive on the Welcome Table. Perhaps it could be for an anniversary or in memory of a loved one – this would be acknowledged (if desired) by a simple card. Alternatively you could donate money for the flowers for that week (choosing the colour etc.) and I could arrange to have them displayed. These flowers could then be taken home or given away. In the next couple of weeks I will put together a rota so please, if you have a specific date that you would like to give the flowers (or do the arranging) please contact me on the number below (leaving a message if necessary) or by email if that is easier. If you would have never arranged the flowers before but would like to give it a go (it can be a simple table decoration or a large stand if you feel inspired!) please also contact me. We have people who would be happy to help you and a budget to buy the flowers with. Ros Sharkey (01494 674257) or email [ros.sharkey@googlemail.com](mailto:ros.sharkey@googlemail.com)



### Rock Solid Team Youth Club



St Michaels Hall, Tuesday 7pm to 8.30pm.  
For ages 10 to 15+. A place to meet and chat, have fun and talk about God.

Rock Solid could use a couple more female adult leaders on the team. (Tuesday evenings 7 - 8.30pm). If you could be a reserve to step in occasionally at short notice that would be a big help too. It is a privilege to spend time with such great young people. Please see Gill.

### Tea Dance

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February in St Michael's Hall, 3.30pm to 6.30pm.  
Ticket: £6. Contact Kathryn 6763164.

House Groups - St Thomas house groups would welcome new members. One meets weekly on Thursday evenings and the other fortnightly on Monday afternoons. For more details please talk to Helen, Jan or Joyce.

St Thomas' 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Our present church was consecrated by Rt Rev'd Harry Carpenter, Lord Bishop of Oxford on 21st December 1961. Please take the opportunity to look at the exhibition of photographs on the display boards recording some of the history of the church.

Quiz Night - Fun Quiz Night on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7:00pm for 7:30pm in St Michael's Church Hall. Teams of up to 8 people. £10 per person to include fish and chip supper. Raffle and home-made produce for sale. Proceeds will be divided between the British Heart Foundation (in memory of my brother, Robert) and the John Hampden Grammar School Senior Hockey Tour to Germany. Contact Stephen Crowther on 01494-670236 or [stephen.crowther@tesco.net](mailto:stephen.crowther@tesco.net)

Access to Photocopier in the Office - Please contact Pat on 674386 if you need access.

Mens Breakfast - URC Aylesbury End - On the second Saturday of each month from 8.30 to 10.00 men are invited to listen to speakers of interest and to enjoy a full English breakfast. The subjects of talks will range from life behind the Bamboo Curtain to the research of a nuclear physicist.

- February 11: Trevor Liley ( corporate communicator, business coach, magician and entertainer to the Hollywood stars): "Winning the Battle Within".

Please let me know if you or any of your friends would like to join me so I can book some places. Paul

Churches Together Beaconsfield - Would anyone like to represent St Thomas' at Churches Together in Beaconsfield ? The meetings are once every couple of months, in an evening. The next one is on Tues Feb 7th at 8pm in St Michael's new building. See Gill.

Thanksgiving for the Gift of Marriage - Service of Celebration & Thanksgiving on Sunday 12th February at 3pm at St Michaels, followed by Tea and Celebration Cake. This time of worship will offer us a special opportunity to say thank you to God for marriage and all that it means and has meant in our lives. With prayers, hymns and readings we will celebrate this gift from God to the world, our community, our family and ourselves. During the service there will be an opportunity to either renew your marriage vows or to silently affirm together the love and promises you made on your wedding day.

### Restore Hope Latimer, Ladies' Conference

"SETTLING THE LAND - PIONEERING WOMEN", Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th February, 9:00am – 3:30pm in the Dairy at RHL. A ladies' conference to refresh, inspire and empower. A blend of good company, good food and excellent teaching. Join us for an opportunity to consider how we can bring Kingdom values to our lives, our families and our communities. Speakers include Fiona Castle, Loretta Menghella (CEO of Christian Aid), Ruth Dearnley (CEO of Stop the Traffik) and Mary Pytches, all women who are pioneers in their field working to make a difference in the wider world. Tickets cost £20 per day or £60 for all four days, refreshments and lunch included. £50 Early bird rate for bookings received before 28th Jan. Numbers are limited, to book call the RHL office:

01494 764342. [www.restorehopelatimer.org](http://www.restorehopelatimer.org)

