

## Prayer and Thanksgiving this week

### World

- We pray for the persecuted church remembering Christians especially in the Sudan, Mali, Kenya, across North Africa, Nigeria, Northern India, Pakistan Jordan, Mosul and the Philippines
- For the unity of all Christian people as we share in Christ's ministry
- For the Holy Land, Syria and Ukraine; wisdom for all the leaders; peace and tolerance in the world
- **A Prayer for those held in captivity** – Merciful Father, we cry to you from the depths of our concern for those wrongly imprisoned or held captive: for those trying to secure their release, that the ways of peace and diplomacy may prevail over acts of violence and aggression, that their captors may know a change of heart; through him who was sent to proclaim liberty for captives and to set free those who are oppressed, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Church

- We pray for strengthening relationships between all the Beaconsfield churches as we seek to serve our community together in the coming year
- For the Beaconsfield Team Ministry for unity and fellowship
- Leader's Course: for all the participants and leaders
- As we begin our Lenten journey; for the Lenten Lunches and other activities during Lent

### Community

- We pray for all who live and work in Holtspur and Beaconsfield; we thank God for our witness and opportunities in this community
- For Holtspur School, Holtspur Pre-School, Holtspur park Friends and Holtspur Youth Club

### People

- We pray for healing and wholeness for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We continue to hold in prayer Gareth Buchanan, John Lewis, Wendy, Nancy Haggar, Kieran Maguire and John Cornelius
- For our church family members: Ben, Alison, Anna and Lucy Peters; Ron and Jan Petts; Al Ramsay

### Mission – Tansen Hospital

During March, please pray for Roshan Kharel, our contact at Tansen Hospital and his family, following the death of his mother from lung cancer. Please thank God that the hospital has been able to complete work on its High Dependency Unit and take delivery of new X-ray and ECG machines. Please pray that General Surgeons take a year's sabbatical leave to work at Tansen. In a country where there is no National Health provision, our contribution to the treatment of the increasing number of patients who cannot afford even the greatly reduced fees is vital. Copies of Roshan's e-mail is available at Welcome Team desk.

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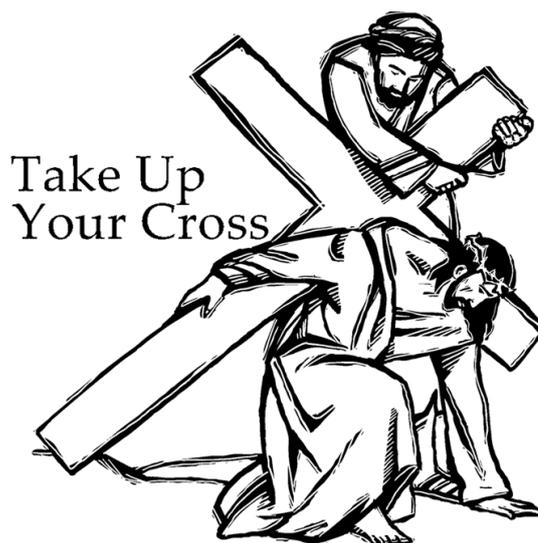
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015



## St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

*To transform lives through faith in Jesus*

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



### Second Sunday of Lent

**9.45am  
10am**

**Morning Prayer  
Holy Communion  
Lead: Hazel Chow  
Celebrant and Preacher:  
The Revd Kevin Beer**

### Readings:

- **Romans 4. 13 - end (p. 1131)**
- **Mark 8. 31 – end (p. 1012)**

### Collect for: Second Sunday of Lent

**Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's  
sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Services and Events Next Week

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

7.45pm Growing Leaders Course at St Michaels'

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

8.30am **NO Morning Prayer**

9.30am Toms Tots in St Thomas Hall (setting up at 9am)

2.30-4.30pm Senior Citizens group meets at Kiln Court

6.30 – 8pm **Rock Solid and Synergy** at St Michael's Church Hall

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

12.30pm Lent Lunch with Reflections at St Teresa's Parish Centre

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

10-11am: Rehearsal in church for Women's Day of prayer

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

8.45am-12pm Hope Community Drop-in and One Can Food Bank Project

11.45am Funeral Service of Mr. David Rush at Chilterns Crematorium

2pm Women's World Day of Prayer Service at St Thomas' Church

7pm Holtspur Youth Club

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Third Sunday of Lent

9.45am Church Prayer

10am Morning Praise

Lead: Trevor Sharkey

Preacher: Paul Cornelius

Readings: 1 Cor 1. 18 - 25

John 2. 13 - 22

**Barn Dance** – Sat 18<sup>th</sup> April from 7pm – 10pm. Tickets £12.50 adults and £6 under 16 years, available from the Parish Office. All funds raised for Newham Renewal Programme.

We wish a Happy Birthday to...

**Gill Pearce & Sue Cook**



**Mothering Sunday Family Communion Service** – 15<sup>th</sup> March. We will begin with crafts, making flower posies, coffee and do-nuts at 9.30am followed by the service at 10am. Thank you. Please come early. Narinder, Andrew and Fiona



**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.**

**A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2016**– 10-19 May 2016 with Narinder Tegally. A comprehensive 10-day pilgrimage based in Jerusalem and the Galilee. Cost is £1,745. If interested, speak to Narinder for more details.

**Film Show** - Saturday 14 March at 2.30 pm in Church Hall showing an inspiring, true story about a farmer who moves from Zambia to South Africa - see flyer for further details. As well as inviting you to come along to watch the film, we would be grateful for home-made cakes to serve during the interval. If you could make something, please would you sign the list at the back of the church - delicious cakes are always appreciated by our audience! Thank you - Social Group

**Confirmation 2015** – This year St Thomas' will be hosting the confirmation service on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm. We will be running a team course of Exploring Confirmation, beginning with an Introductory Evening and Supper on 25<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm for 7.45 at St Thomas House. If you cannot make the evening, you can still join the course. Gill Hutchinson and Narinder will be leading the Confirmation classes, and Jeremy will be leading the group for young people. Dates to be confirmed.

**Day Away – Inspiring Women Summer Day: Making a Fresh Start.** Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2015 10am-3.30pm at Waverley Abbey House. Early bird price £29.25 up to 28 April including lunch (normally £32.50). Speaker Fiona Castle will look into Colossians 3 to see how we can all start afresh in God. This day will be a mix of teaching, worship, fellowship and a delicious lunch, all in tranquil and elegant surroundings. Please let Chris Jones know if you are interested in attending.



**Lent Activities** - This year, Churches Together will not be running specific Lent groups. Instead there are a number of

activities which we are encouraging people to join in with as a parish - Lent lunches, Bible studies and other small group activities, lectures and fellowship meals. A simple bread & soup at 12.30 each week. A chance for fellowship with a Lenten reflection and raising money for Christian Aid. Join us on 4<sup>th</sup> Mar at St Teresa's, 11<sup>th</sup> Mar at Hope Church, 17<sup>th</sup> Mar at St Thomas', 25<sup>th</sup> Mar at St Michael's, 1<sup>st</sup> April at URC Aylesbury.

**Revision of Electoral Roll** - The annual revision of the Church Electoral Roll is taking place between 8-29 March. Please would you review your entry on the list displayed in the church porch and let me know of any amendments to be made. During this time, anyone wishing to have their name included on the roll should complete an enrolment form (available from the Welcome Desk). Chris Jones (tel: 676975)

**Cursillo Taster session** - Anyone interested in growing in their Christian discipleship using the Cursillo method of Prayer, Study and Action is invited to join us at St Michael's, Beaconsfield in the "CCRC" (the new rooms at the back of the hall) on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 10.45am for an "Ultreya!", a time of worship and mutual encouragement for small groups from this end of the diocese. This will be followed by a 'bring and share' lunch. The next Cursillo weekend is from the evening of Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Speak to Kevin Beer (01494 673021 / curate@stmarysbeaconsfield.org.uk) or see the website (www.oxfordcursillo.co.uk) for more information, or to join our local group which meets regularly in Beaconsfield.

**Women's World Day of Prayer Service** - Fri 6 March 2 p.m. at St. Thomas' Church. An interdenominational service prepared by the Christian women of the Bahamas. All are welcome.



**Quiet Day** - Lent is a time of spiritual refreshment. Come for a Quiet Day, and simply rest in His presence on 21<sup>st</sup> March at Burnham Abbey; 10.00 to 3.00. Join the sisters at Holy Communion first, at 9.30. Cost: Donation to Burnham Abbey; Leader: Rev Alison Caw. To apply and for further details, please contact Alison on 01494 674524 or matopos@waitrose.com

**Used Postage Stamps** - Once again, we would like to thank you for all the used stamps, which you have given us over the last few weeks for REACH, the charity which supports youngsters born with upper limb deficiency, like one of our granddaughters. We know many of you save the stamps throughout the year, not just at Christmas, and we are very grateful to you for your thoughtfulness. Many thanks Margaret and Mike