

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
- 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 Park Friends, Hope Community Drop-in and One Can Trust
- Tom Tots; give thanks for the response week by week

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 John Cornelius and Patricia Reed
- For our church family members: Mike and Ilse Rankin; Peter Read and Dilys Reeves

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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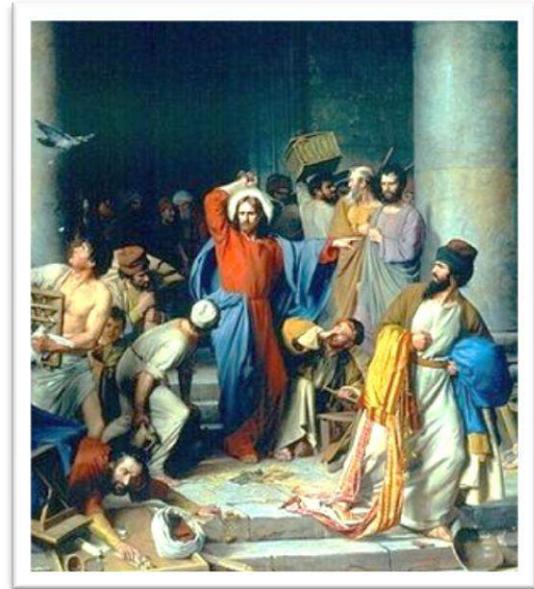
Sunday 8th March 2015



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

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



Third Sunday of Lent

9.45am Morning Prayer
10am Morning Praise
Lead: Trevor Sharkey
Preach: Paul Cornelius

Readings:

- **1 Cor 1. 18 - 25 (p. 1144)**
- **John 2. 13 - 22 (p. 1065)**

Collect for: Third Sunday of Lent

**Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Services and Events Next Week

Monday 9th

Tuesday 10th

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 11th

10.30am

Kiln Court Service

12.30pm

Lent Lunch with Reflections at Hope Church, Baring Road. All welcome. Cost £3 in aid of Christian Aid. Contact 01494 675185 to confirm you are coming.

Thursday 12th

7.45pm

Bible study group at St Thomas House

Friday 13th

8.45-12pm

Hope Community Drop-in and One Can Food Bank Project

10.30-11.30am

Ecumenical Lenten Bible Studies: Testimony of May, mother of Jesus at URC Holtspur Holtspur Youth Club

7pm

Saturday 14th

8.30am

Men's Breakfast at URC Old Town

11.30-3pm

Resting in Nothingness: FWC – please bring packed lunch

2.30pm

Film Show 'Faith like Potatoes' with tea in St Thomas Hall

Sunday 15th March - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday

9.45am

Church Prayer

9.30am

Crafts, flowers, coffee and cake

10am

All-Age Communion

All-Age team plus Revd Narinder Tegally

Readings: Exodus 2. 1 - 10: The Birth of Moses

John 19.25 - 27: Jesus provides for his mother

Barn Dance – Sat 18th 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...

Margaret Griffiths & Max Honiball



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 21st at 6pm. We will be running a team course of Exploring Confirmation, beginning with an Introductory Evening and Supper on 25th 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.

Save the Date – Saturday 6 June for an evening concert in St Thomas' Church by RAF Halton Area Concert Band in aid of Mission Aviation Fellowship. More details later. Ruth

Day Away – Inspiring Women Summer Day: Making a Fresh Start. Just 4 tickets still available from Ruth Moores for Tuesday 23 June 10am – 3.30pm at Waverley Abbey. 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. Cost £29.25.

Easter Eggs – with a free Easter Story booklet – a limited number now available from Ruth Moores for £3.99 each

Coffee Morning - in Aid of Traidcraft at Holtspur URC, Crabtree Close Wed 25 March 10.30 - 12 noon. Further details from Hilda Bowerman on 672418.

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)

Church Breakfast - Breakfast will be served in the Church Hall between 9.00-9.45 am on Sunday 22 March. Do come along to chat over croissants, cereals, fruit and other delights before the 10.00 am service.

Date for your Diary - Maundy Thursday Supper at 7.00 pm on Thursday 2 April in Church

Good Friday Messy Church - at St Michael's 3rd April 9.30-10.30am. Pre-booking required. Contact 676931 for more info.

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 14th 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 16th April to Sunday 19th 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.

Quiet Day - Lent is a time of spiritual refreshment. Come for a Quiet Day, and simply rest in His presence on 21st 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