

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 all those who were killed in the Alps air crash for their families and friends
- For the Holy Land, Libya, Syria and Ukraine; wisdom for all the leaders; peace and tolerance in the world

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; for our PCC and 3 DCCs as we discern the way forward as a team; for the APCM on the 26th April
- Confirmation 2015; please pray for Stephen Haynes, Richard Davidson, Lois Simpson, Adele Rawlinson, Imogen Koufou, Paul and Sarah Loveday-Smith, Richard, Harriet and Isabel Davidson
- For Growing Leader's Course participants and leaders
- St Thomas' and St Michael's Annual Church Meeting this Sunday

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 Kiln Court, Senior Citizens Group, Hope Community Drop In and One Can Trust

People

- We pray for healing and wholeness for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We continue to hold in prayer Wendy, Tony Chambers, Patricia Reed, John Lewis, Gareth Buchanan, Kieran Maguire, John Cornelius and Susan Clark; we remember all those who care for them
- For our church family members: Pat & Frances Butler; Ruby Cane; Alison Caw; Tony & Janet Chambers

Mission Fellowship – **Mission Aviation**



We thank God for the provision of 130 MAF aircraft bringing help, hope and healing to people living in remote places in 25 countries worldwide.

- Pray for the safety of the flights and for protection on all the MAF staff, particularly those serving overseas away from their families.
- Pray that someone with the right skills and qualifications will come forward to serve as a pilot and Director of Operations for the MAF Kenya programme.
- Due to the establishing of a separate MAF programme in South Sudan, some staff in Nairobi have been made redundant and will be leaving this month. Pray that they will have new opportunities and that the remaining team will work together well.
- Pray for good relationships with the governmental authorities in all the countries. In Kenya the engineers are waiting for permission to upgrade the avionics systems in the Cessna 208 Caravans, which will enhance safety. Pray that this will be granted soon.

Sunday 19th April 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 Easter

9.45am Church Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion
Celebrant and Preacher:
The Revd Narinder Tegally

Readings:

- **Acts 3. 12 - 19 (p. 1095)**
- **Luke 24. 36b – 48 (p. 1062)**

Collect for: Third Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

11.30am Coffee in Church and St Thomas' Annual Church Meeting

6pm Prayer Hour

Services and Events Next Week

Monday 20th

Tuesday 21st

9.30-11.30am Toms Tots in St Thomas' Hall
6.30-9pm Rock Solid and Synergy Youth meet at St Michael's

Wednesday 22nd

1.15pm Funeral service of Mrs. Elizabeth Hall in St Thomas' Church followed by reception in Hall
8pm The first of the Summer Lecture Series at St Mary's Church on 'Living by the Book'. The speaker is the Revd Dr Sam Wells, the Vicar of St Martin in the Fields, London.

Thursday 23rd

9am Morning Prayer
8pm General Election Question Time at The Beaconsfield School, Wattleton Road. All the parliamentary candidates for the Beaconsfield constituency will be present. Get your questions to Jeremy ASAP!

Friday 24th

8.45-12pm Hope Community Drop-in and One Can Food Bank Project
7pm Holtspur Youth Club

Saturday 25th

Sunday 26th – Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.45am Church Prayer
10am Morning Praise

Readings: Act 4. 5 – 12
John 10. 11 - 18

6.30pm APCM at St Marys

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.

Christian Aid Week 10-16 - Please consider doing a street collection for Christian Aid this year. Just sign up for the streets you would like to do on the form at the back of the church. Envelopes and collecting badges will be given out on Sunday the 3rd and 10th of May. Speak to Paul if you would like more information or any guidance on collection. This is a great opportunity to let your neighbours know how important the poor are to you and your faith.

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.***



Tom's Tots Summer Term - Please sign up to help at Tom's Tots - 9am for setting up, 11am for clearing away and chatting in between. Perhaps you can only sign up for 1 or 2 sessions, but they will be appreciated. See Ruth Moores for more details.

Sharon International Ministries will be holding a Curry Fundraising evening, St Michaels Hall [7pm](#) Friday May 8th. Tickets £12 please see Paul if you would like to go (All proceeds will go to support the Holyer School in India).

General Election Question Time – Wed 23 April 8pm at the Beaconsfield School, Wattleton Road. All 5 Parliamentary candidates will be present. Any questions to be sent to rector@stmarysbeaconsfield.org.uk.

Messy Church News - We are having a review of our children and families' work at St Mary's and, for the time being, we have decided to hold Messy Church just four times a year. The next one will be on 20th Sept from 4-6 pm to celebrate Harvest."

Parenting Children for a Life of Faith - Talk by author Rachel Turner at the King's Church, High Wycombe on Wed 6 May 2015 at 7.45pm. Organised by Wycombe WFC. Tickets available at 01494 522777 or email office@wycombeyfc.org.uk. Cost when bought in advance £9.

Skittles Evening - Sat 16 May. Do you enjoy playing skittles? The hall is booked and equipment is available so we now need someone to head up this event - help is available! If you would be interested in making this happen, please speak to a member of the Social Group by Sat 25 April.

Church Garden Working Party - Fri 24th and Sat 25th April, 10.15 - 13.30 (may go on into p.m. if sufficient interest). All invited to come along at any time to do what you can. Please bring along own trimmers and tools (and waste bags). Thank you. Graham.

Music for Flying – Sat 6 June 7.30pm in St Thomas' Church. A concert by RAF Halton Area Band to raise money to support the flying of Mission Aviation Fellowship. Tickets £12.50 including interval refreshments. Email mooresfamily@btinternet.com for tickets. I would really appreciate help with providing some "nice nibbles" for the interval and with serving the drinks - if you are able to help please let me know. Ruth

Sunday 10 May 4pm in St Thomas' Hall - John and Jenny Pillar will be talking about their work with Engineering Ministries International - how can you be an architect and a missionary? In September 2013 they went to Costa Rica, but had to return in early 2014 when baby Amelie arrived with health problems. This year they are planning to go to live in Nicaragua. Do come along and hear how God is working in their lives. (If you can send an email to mooresfamily@btinternet.com I will know how many cakes to make!). Ruth

2015 Summer Lecture Series – 'Living by the Book: Christian Ethics and Modern Dilemmas' at St Mary's Church. 22 April, 13 May, 27 May, 10 June and 24 June. All lectures start at 8pm. £5/lecture. Includes complimentary refreshments.

Bucks CC Workshop – No Hiding Place: Combatting Doorstep Crime in Beaconsfield. Mon 20th April 6.30-8.30pm at St Michael's. Open to everyone. No need to register in advance but it would be helpful if you could confirm attending by sending email to locality-services@buckscc.gov.uk for idea of numbers.

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Happy Birthday this week to Julie Snelling!

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