

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, Libya, Syria and Ukraine; wisdom for all the leaders; peace and tolerance in the world
- For Nepal: Compassion Services Teams as they minister to the earthquake victims; energy and endurance for rescue workers as they search for more survivors; for those grieving over the loss of loved ones; for those who have lost loved ones or homes or who have suffered injuries in the devastation; for God's protection, strength and grace on all volunteers, pastors and missionaries as they minister to so many

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 new PCC and 3 DCCs as we discern the way forward as a team;
- For our new **Church Wardens**, Andrew and Peter and DCC - Ruth, Anne, Oosman, Jenny, Caroline, Helen, Catherine and Chris
- Confirmation 2015; please pray for Stephen Haynes, Lois Simpson, Adele Rawlinson, Imogen Koufou, Sarah Loveday-Smith, Richard, Harriet and Isabel Davidson, and all young people exploring their faith

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 Hope Community Drop-in, One Can Trust, Kiln Court, Tom's Tots

People

- We pray for healing and wholeness for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We hold in prayer Jenny Shiell following surgery, 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: Chris and Mary Cole; Brian and Ruth Collins; Paul, Fiona, Emma and Elliot Collins; Nigel and Sue Cook

Mission – Barnabas Fund

This month we pray for the Barnabas Fund which is the leading UK Aid agency for the Persecuted Church worldwide. Today we pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are being persecuted for their faith, especially those who are few in number, poor and oppressed. We ask the Lord to strengthen their faith and increase their hope in him who gave his life that we may live.

*** PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DUE DATE ***

Reminder: Please e-mail your notices to debra@stmarysbeaconsfield.org.uk by **Wednesday 12 noon** each week. Many thanks.

Sunday 3rd May 2015



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

We give you a warm welcome as you join us



Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.45am Church Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion
Celebrant and Preacher:
Revd Dr Jeremy Brooks

Readings:

- **Acts 8. 26 - end (p. 1101)**
- **John 15. 1 - 8 (p. 1083)**

Collect for: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Revd Narinder Tegally at St Mary's

Services and Events Next Week

Monday 4th

Tuesday 5th

8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30-11.30am Toms Tots in St Thomas' Hall
6.30-9pm Rock Solid and Synergy Youth meet at St Michael's
7pm St Teresa's Talk "Christians in the Middle East" led by Jeremy Moodey, CEO of Embrace

Wednesday 6th

9am Growing Leader's Prep
12.30-2pm Staff Team Meeting
7-9pm Knit and Natter in the Fitzwilliams Centre
7.45pm DCC meets in lounge

Thursday 7th

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holtspur School

Friday 8th

8.45-12pm Hope Community Drop-in and One Can Food Bank Project
7pm Holtspur Youth Club
7pm Curry Evening in aid of Sharon Ministries at St Michael's Hall (Tickets £12 please see Paul)

Saturday 9th

10.30-12.30pm St Theresa's talk "Jesus: Friends and Enemies." led by Chris Keith

Sunday 10th

9.45am Church Prayer
10am Morning Praise – 2nd Sunday Special
Lead: Gill Pearce
Preacher: Revd Narinder Tegally

Readings: Acts 10. 44 - end
John 15. 9 - 17

12noon Baptism at St Mary's

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.**



Men's Breakfast - Saturday 9th May David Rolfe will give a talk entitled "How Photography Led me to See the Light". (David is a BAFTA winning filmmaker). 8.30 till 10.00. Let Paul know if you would like to go for catering purposes.

Prayer Hour - Following the meeting in March of the DCCs to consider the way forward for the team, we will be starting a monthly prayer hour to seek God's guidance for this. We will spend time in reading the Bible together and prayer. The first meeting will be on Sunday 10 June at 6pm at St Thomas' Church. We will then meet monthly on the 2nd Sunday of each month. All welcome.

Alpha - The Beaconsfield Team are planning to run another Alpha Course starting in September. Flora Pedlar has arranged meeting on Saturday 16th May, 8.30am at her house in Grove Road to discuss this, and would like a representative from St Thomas' to be there too. Please let me know if you are able/would like to be our rep at this meeting. Thanks, Peter



Happy Birthday this week to...

Yvonne Mwiti, Mary Cole and Alison Peters !!!

Prayer - There will be an hour of prayer from 8 - 9pm on Wednesday 6 May 2015 at Aylesbury End URC to pray for the General Election and its outcome. All are welcome.

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."

St Teresa's Talk - Sat 9 May 10.30-12.30pm led by Chris Keith, a professor of New Testament and early Christianity at St Mary's University, Twickenham, will explore the issues dividing Jesus and the religious ruling elite in a talk entitled "Jesus: Friends and Enemies", "We know that it ended in the cross, but what, and who, put Jesus on the radar of the religious elite in the first place?" Everyone in the locality and beyond, and of any faith or none, is invited. Refreshments beforehand - Lunch included.

Exhibition - To commemorate the **70th Anniversary of VE Day** Amersham Quakers invite you to an exhibition at Amersham Friends Meeting House, Whielden Street, Amersham from 9th to 17th May. Free admission, donations to Christian Aid.

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.

Spring Fair at St Michael's - Saturday 16th May from 11am to 2pm. Plants, cakes, raffle, BBQ, stalls & children's games and activities.

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