

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 medical, ambulance, police and fire services, local businesses and Senior Citizens' group

People

- We pray for healing and wholeness for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We hold in prayer Jenny Shiel, Wendy, John Lewis, Kieran Maguire, John Cornelius and Susan Clark; we remember all those who care for them
- For our church family members: Paul, Janis, Luke and Lewis Cornelius; Richard, Catherine, Harriet and Isobel Davidson; Barbara Ferris; Roy and Sybil Fry

Mission – Barnabas Fund

The Barnabas Fund have asked us today to pray for Christians seeking to be salt and light in the very restrictive societies of Central Asia. We pray for Church leaders who have to wrestle with bureaucracy that seems designed to make it impossible for them to fulfil all the regulations imposed on them. May they all bring glory to You.



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Sunday 10th May 2015



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

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



Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.45am Church Prayer
10.00am Morning Praise:
2nd Sunday Special
Gill Pearce and
Revd Narinder Tegally

Readings:

- **1 Corinthians 13. 1 - 8a (p. 1153)**
- **John 15. 9 - 17 (p. 1083)**

Collect for: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your
disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

12noon Baptism at St Mary's
**6pm Prayer hour at St Thomas'
Church**

Services and Events Next Week

Monday 11th

8pm Growing Leader's group meets at St Michael's

Tuesday 12th

8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30-11.30am Toms Tots in St Thomas' Hall
2.30-4.40pm Senior Citizens' group meets at Kiln Court
6.30-9pm Rock Solid and Synergy Youth meet at St Michael's
7.45pm Confirmation Group meets at St Thomas House

Wednesday 13th

8.30-3.30pm Narinder at St Mary's
10.30am Monthly Service at Kiln Court
3.30-5pm Messy Church at URC Holtspur

Thursday 14th

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holtspur School
8pm Ascension Day Holy Communion Service at St Mary's

Friday 15th

8.45-12pm Hope Community Drop-in and One Can Food Bank Project
9.30-11am Pastoral Care Team meets at St Thomas House
7pm Holtspur Youth Club

Saturday 16th

11-2pm Spring Fair at St Michael's
1pm Marriage of Lucy and Simon at St Mary's

Sunday 17th

Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.45am Church Prayer
10am Holy Communion
Celebrant and Preacher:
Revd Narinder Tegally

Readings: Acts 1. 15 - end
John 17. 1 - 11

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.**



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 May 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 to / would like to be our rep at this meeting. Thanks, Peter



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.

Spring Fair at St Michael's - Sat 16th May from 11 - 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. Please phone 01494 673167 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 Sept 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 phone 01494 673167 I will know how many cakes to make!). Ruth

***** 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.