

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; for Stephen Haynes, Lois Simpson, Adele Rawlinson, Imogen Koufou, Sarah Loveday-Smith, Esther Pedler, 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 Holtspur Park Friends, Hope Community Drop-in, Once Can Trust and Kiln Court

People

- We pray for healing and wholeness for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We hold in prayer Sammy Smith, Gareth Buchanan, Jenny Shiell, Wendy, John Lewis, Kieran Maguire, John Cornelius, Susan Clark and Ron Petts; we remember all those who care for them
- For our church family members: Michael and Margaret Grace; Sonia Gray; Kitty Greenwood

Mission – Barnabas Fund

The Barnabas Fund have asked us today to rejoice at the rapid rate of Church growth in China. Only You know the number of Christian believers in that vast country. We pray that you will cause the Chinese authorities to look favourably on the growing number of Christians and recognise them as a people who contribute to a peaceful and harmonious society.



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Sunday 17th May 2015



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

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



Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Readings:

- **Acts 1. 15 - end (p. 1092)**
- **John 17. 1 - 11 (p. 1085)**

Collect for: Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and
compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Services and Events Next Week

Monday 18th

Tuesday 19th

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

Wednesday 20th

8.30-3.30pm Narinder at St Mary's
3.30pm Growing Leader's prep
7.30pm PCC Standing Committee meets at FWC

Thursday 21st

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holtspur School
8pm Deanery Synod meets at Chesham

Friday 22nd

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

Saturday 23rd

Sunday 24th Pentecost Sunday

9.45am Church Prayer
10am Morning Praise
Lead: Revd Narinder Tegally
Preacher: Hazel Chow
Readings: Acts 2. 1 - 21
John 15. 26 - 27 and 16. 4b - 15

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.



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.

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."

Dementia Awareness Week in Bucks 17th to 23rd May –



Details of events organised by the Alzheimer's Society from 01494 670909 or 01296 331722.

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



Job vacancy at Wycombe YFC (Youth for Christ) – Financial Administrator (part time). To work alongside the Director and be involved with financial and general admin including maintenance of financial accounts (receipts, payments, wages and Gift Aid) and coordination and correspondence with Wycombe YFC Supporters and stakeholders. The post required an Enhanced DBS disclosure. Closing Date for applications: Friday 12th June 2015. More details by emailing Erica Holt at erica@wycombeyfc.org.uk or go to www.wycombeyfc.org.uk.



Lighthouse is coming! On 27 - 31 July. Last year over 300 children signed up for Lighthouse and well over 100 volunteers of all ages. We need you! If you can help - for a single day or for all 5 days - we would love you to be part of it. All sorts of roles needed from setting up, working with children, not working with children, administration, site management. Go to www.lighthouseadmin.org and click the 'sign up to help' button. If you don't have access to a computer speak to Gill Pearce, the Lighthouse link for St Thomas'.

Scones Needed please! At the Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving which is to be held at 3.30 pm on Sunday 31 May we will be serving cream teas and so we'd be very grateful for home-made scones, please. If you are able to make some, please would you sign the sheet on the noticeboard at the back of the church; we also hope you'll be able to come along to the service. Many thanks - Social Group

Sunday 5 July - Save the date! We're planning to celebrate St Thomas' Day by having an American-themed barbecue with skittles and games in the garden of St Thomas' between 4.30-6.30 pm. More details to follow ...



Christian Aid Week - Many thanks to all those who have collected for Christian Aid week. Please could you return your collected envelopes to either Paul or Jennifer Lewis as soon as practical, thank you for your support.

Newham R.A.M.P. Day Out – Thurs 28 May to Bekonscot via St Michael's then back to FWC. If you would like to join us, contact the Parish Office for more details at 676690.



The Renewal Programme

FREE Choral Concert – 25 May 5.30pm at St Michael's Church. Being performed by the combined choirs of the Lower Windrush Choral Society (from Whitney) and L'Ensemble Vocal Montéclaire (from Langres, Beaconsfield's Twin Town) - a combine ensemble of 70+ voices. Enquiries: 01993 773283 or via www.lowerwindrush.co.uk.

***** 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.