

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, Flynn Harmen, Joseph Harmen. Nicholas Pullen and Alexander Pullen

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 the medical, ambulance, police and fire services
- For all the preparations for Lighthouse on 27th-31st July 2015

People

- We pray for healing and wholeness for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We hold in prayer Sammy Smith, Sybil Fry, Gareth Buchanan, Jenny Shiell, Wendy, John Lewis, Baby Hugo Sanders, John Cornelius, Susan Clark, and Ron Petts; we remember all those who care for them
- We remember the families of Kieran Maguire and Cyril Barnes as they mourn their loss
- For our church family members: Tim, Gill, Rebecca and Katy Jurdon; Monica Leeder; John and Jennifer Lewis

Mission – Food for the Hungry

As Burundi moves ever closer to civil war coming up to their elections at the end of June please pray that the:

- demonstrations will remain peaceful
- current government will respond with restraint and wisdom to the demonstrations
- Food for the Hungry Staff will be used to spread peace and reconciliation
- Communities where Food for the Hungry work will be a Godly example of how to respond to civil unrest and unjust political processes.



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Sunday 14th June 2015



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

We give you a warm welcome as you join us



Second Sunday Special after Trinity

9.45am Church Prayer
10.00am Morning Praise
Lead: Gill Pearce
Preacher: Revd Narinder Tegally

Readings:

- **1 Samuel 15. 34 – 16. 13 (p. 287)**
- **Mark 4. 26 - 34 (p. 1006)**

Collect for: Second Sunday after Trinity

**Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

3pm Songs of Praise and tea and cake at URC Old Town
4pm Messy Church at St Michael's – All are welcome
6pm Prayer hour at St Thomas'

Services and Events Next Week

Monday 15th

11.30am BAC 50th Anniversary Service at St Mary's

Tuesday 16th

8.30am **NO Morning Prayer**
9.30am Toms Tots meets in St Thomas Hall
6.30-9pm Rock Solid and Synergy meet at St Michael's
7.30pm Growing Leader's Open Evening at St Thomas' Church

Wednesday 17th

8.30-3.30pm Narinder at St Mary's
10.30am Kiln Court Service
6.30-7.15pm Open Prayer for St Thomas' at St Thomas'
7.30pm Confirmation Candidates meet for rehearsal at St Thomas' Church

Thursday 18th

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holtspur School

Friday 19th

8.45-12pm Hope Community Drop-in and One Can Food Bank Project
11am Wedding rehearsal at St Mary's
2pm Funeral Service for the late Mr. Cyril Barnes at the Chilterns Crematorium
7pm Holtspur Youth Club

Saturday 20th

12noon Marriage Service of Joe Sugden & Amy McGregor at St Mary's
7.30pm-12 Holtspur Park School 'Summer Party' in St Thomas Hall

Sunday 21st

Third Sunday after Trinity
9.45am Church Prayer
10am Team Service: Holy Communion
Celebrant: Revd Narinder Tegally
Preacher: Tom Johnson for 'Sharon Ministries'

Readings: 1 Samuel 17. 32 – 49
Mark 4. 35 - 41

6pm Confirmation Service at St Thomas' Church with The Right Reverend Bishop Peter Nott; Followed by a reception in the hall – please pray for all the candidates and their families.

Alpha - We hope to be running an **Alpha Course** in September. Would you please think about family or friends you could invite and remember us in your prayers. Thank you Flora Pedler

* * * **Mission for St Thomas** * * *

Prayer Times – Everyone Welcome

Following our open meeting, it was apparent that everyone felt we need to meet together to pray regularly to discern where God may be leading us as a church and community. Everyone is welcome to attend prayers at St Thomas' Church on Tuesdays 8.30am and Thursday and Friday at 8.45am for about 30mins. We will also meet each Wednesday at 6.30–7.15pm at St Thomas Church. The more we pray together and individually the better. Thank you Narinder



Parish Confirmation on Sunday 21 June at 6.00pm

St Thomas' has been selected to host the Parish Confirmation this summer and we would like to provide hospitality to those who will be confirmed and also their guests. We are planning to serve savoury nibbles and a celebratory cake with wine and soft drinks after the service in the Church hall. We would be very grateful for offers of help at this event - if you are able to assist, please contact one of the Social Group members: Chris Jones, Jill Jurdon, Ros Sharkey or Ruth Moores.

Tom's Tots – The numbers are increasing week by week at Tom's Tots which is great, but help is needed to set up at 9am and clear away at 11am. It is also good to have someone to talk to the parents, grandparents and carers. There is a list to sign up for the remaining part of the summer term. Please consider offering to help for a couple of sessions. Ruth and Narinder

Lighthouse is coming 27th to 31st July - 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 and site management. More information at www.lighthouseadmin.org.



Craft items needed - There is a notice at the back of Church outlining the materials required for this year's Lighthouse craft sessions and a crate in the porch for the collected items. Any questions please contact Jill Jurdon.

Sunday 5th July - We will be celebrating 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. A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church. Many thanks - Social Group

Golden Wedding Celebrations - Frances and Pat Butler are celebrating their Golden Wedding in June. They invite everyone at St Thomas' and other friends to join them after the Morning Service in St Thomas' Hall on Sunday 28th June for a drink and nibbles and a piece of Julie Snelling's cake.

Thank you for all the help in making the RAF Halton Band Concert so successful. Just over £1,400 has been raised for Mission Aviation Fellowship. When I requested help with some "nice nibbles", I had no idea that they would be so wonderful and that we would be so well supported by people from other churches in the town. Thank you also for the generous raffle prizes. The main credit must go, of course, to Michael Pegram and the Band for playing such enjoyable music. Thank you, Ruth

CMS - The latest newsletter from our link mission partners, Efraim & Ruth Vilella of Christian Mission Society is available on the website at www.cms-uk.org. Please pray for them as a family. A few copies may be available at back of the church.

Majestic Film Night dates at St Michael's – *Amelia* on 18th June, *The Young Victoria* on 16th July, *Doctor Zhivago* on 20th Aug. Arrive at 6.30pm. Includes refreshments. All welcome.



Wishing a Happy Birthday to . . .
Ros Sharkey



Wycombe Homeless is looking for volunteers as **Church Communications Leads** to develop and provide leadership to key contacts in each local congregation. To suit someone with good communication and people skills, and is comfortable in a variety of denominational settings. Need to be over 18. Training provided. Can be done from home with access to a pc. Go to www.wyhoc.org.uk & email volunteer.enquiries@wyhoc.org.uk.



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.**