

## 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; 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;
- Confirmation 2015; please continue to pray 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
- For St Thomas Day – for fun and fellowship

### 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 School, Holtspur Pre-School, Holtspur Park Friends, Holtspur Youth Club
- For all the preparations for Lighthouse on 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> July

### 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, Wendy, John Lewis, Baby Hugo Sanders, John Cornelius, Susan Clark, and Ron Petts; we remember all those who care for them
- We give thanks for Pat and Frances as they celebrate 50 years of marriage and for all couples preparing for marriage
- We remember the family of Tony Pearce as they mourn his loss
- For our church family members: Maria Njenja, Rose Nyamu, Yvonne Mwiti and Max Mwiti; Catherine and Richard Orton

### 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.



**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015**



## **St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur**

*To transform lives through faith in Jesus*

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



### **Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

**9.45am Church Prayer**  
**10.00am Morning Praise**  
**Lead: Paul Cornelius**  
**Preacher: Andrew Snelling**

#### **Readings:**

- **Psalm 30 (p. 558)**
- **Mark 5. 21 - end (p. 1007)**

#### **Collect for: Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

**Gracious Father,  
by the obedience of Jesus  
you brought salvation to our wayward world:  
draw us into harmony with your will,  
that we may find all things restored in him,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Please join Pat and Frances for 'cake and drinks' to celebrate with them their Golden Wedding Anniversary.*

## Services and Events Next Week

### **Monday 29<sup>th</sup>**

### **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>**

8.30am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Tom's Tots meets in St Thomas' Hall  
2.45pm Funeral Service of Mr Tony Pearce at Chilterns Crematorium Amersham  
6.30-9pm Rock Solid and Synergy meets at St Michael's  
7.45pm Confirmation Group meets at St Thomas' house

### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

8.30-3.30pm Narinder at St Mary's  
6.30-7.15pm Open Prayer for St Thomas at St Thomas' Church  
7.45pm Standing Committee meets at St Thomas' House

### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Holtspur School  
7.30pm Wedding Rehearsal for Sarah and Duncan in St Thomas' Church

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8.45-12pm Hope Community Drop-in and One Can Food Bank Project  
1pm Marriage Service of Sarah Buchanan and Duncan Smith at Lyne Cross and Longrass Church  
2.30pm Senior Citizens Team meets at Kiln Court  
7pm Holtspur Youth Club

### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>**

3.30- 5pm First Communion Preparation Class at St Thomas' Church  
7pm Holtspur Park Friends Fundraising Evening in St Thomas' Hall

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Fifth Sunday after Trinity**  
9.45am Church Prayer  
10am Holy Communion  
Celebrant and Preacher:  
Revd Jeremy Brooks  
Readings: Samuel 1. 1, 17 - end  
Mark 5. 21 - end

***Please join Jessica and Graham for their farewell cake, drinks and presentation in the hall.***

4-6.30pm BBQ, Skittles and Games in the church garden – You are all welcome – bring a friend/neighbour

**\*\*\* 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

**Golden Wedding Celebrations** – 'We are celebrating our Golden Wedding with drinks, nibbles and cake in the Hall after the 10.00 am service this Sunday (28th June). Please come and join us.' Frances and Pat.



**Prayers for Burundi July 9th 19.30** - As many people will know Burundi is on the verge of civil war. It is one of the countries that St Thomas' outside giving supports through Food for the Hungry. On July 9th at 19.30 the Evariste the Country Director of Food for the Hungry will be visiting St Thomas' to share with us what Fh has been doing with the funds we have been giving and what the up to date situation is in Burundi. please could you join us to pray for Burundi and the work of FH in Burundi and to meet and encourage Evariste. Paul

**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 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

'The 5th July will be our last Sunday at St Thomas' following our moving on to Petersfield in Hampshire. We would like to say goodbye over drinks and nibbles after the morning service. We will also be around for the BBQ in the afternoon, so hope to see you there!' Graham and Jessica

**Thank you** to all the people who contributed to the refreshments following the Confirmation service - there was a great variety. It was good to be so well supported by many members from St Mary's in setting up, catering and clearing up. It all made a memorable occasion for the candidates. Ruth

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



**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.***



**Wishing a Happy Birthday to . . .**

**Ben Peters**



**Churches Together Special Days of Prayer for the Middle East** - At United Reformed Church in Aylesbury End, Mon 13th to Fri 17th July from 12.30 to 1.30pm. For Christians from all our local churches to come together to pray (and fast) for the Islamic world. Prayer will be led by Revd Nigel Douglas. Short videos will also be shown. All are invited.