

Prayer and Thanksgiving this week

People

- We pray for healing and wholeness for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We hold in prayer Sammy Smith, Hayley, John Cornelius, Ron Petts, Daniel Smout and family; we remember all those who care for them
- For our church family members: Oosman and Narinder Tegally; Alan and Sharon Walters; Camilla Walton

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 Hope Community Drop-in and One Can Food Bank Project

Church

- 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

World

- Unity of all Christian people as we share in Christ's ministry
- For the Holy Land, Libya and Syria pray wisdom for all the leaders; for peace and tolerance in the world
- All migrants and refugees; for the many who are crossing the Mediterranean Sea fleeing violence and war in hopes to find a better life
- For Burundi – peace and safety

Mission – Toybox

This week in our prayers, we keep families all round the world, who are struggling to bring home enough income.



Many of them have to deal with difficult situations with co-workers and employers which can mean that continuing to work becomes difficult. This puts whole families at risk.

We pray that parents might be wise enough to make the best decisions for their families, particularly those that will have the most positive impact on their children.

Sunday 23rd August 2015



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

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

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9.45am

Church Prayer

10.00am

Morning Praise

Lead: Trevor Sharkey

Preacher: Hazel Chow

Readings

- **1 Kings 8. 22 - 30, 41 - 43 (p. 345)**
- **John 6. 56 - 69 (p. 1071)**

If you would like prayer for yourself or for someone you are concerned for there will be someone from the prayer ministry group at the back of the church during a Communion or after the intercessions in a Morning Praise Service.

Collect for Twelfth Sunday after Trinity:

**God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Services and Events Next Week

Friday 28th

8.45am-12noon Hope Community Drop-in and One Can Food Bank Project

Sunday 30th Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.45am Church Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion
Lead: Kevin Beer
Preacher: Paul Cornelius

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



We wish a Happy Birthday to . . .

**Caroline Robson, Mark Simpson
and Ruth Moores**

Prayer Times in Church –

There will be NO Morning Prayer or Wednesday Prayers during the months of August, September and October. If you would like to use the church for private prayers during this time please contact the Churchwardens.

Second Sunday Prayer Hour at 6pm will be on September 13th and October 11th at St Thomas' Church.

Thank you - Many thanks to everyone who baked delicious cakes for the Afternoon Tea Party held on 16 August; they were much appreciated. With flags, bunting and a red, white and blue theme we had a lovely afternoon which included a quiz on the 1940s and entertainment with community singing some very familiar songs. Lois and Joanna accompanied us on the piano singing Rule Britannia! Thank you to all who were involved in making the occasion such a success. Social Group

Pilates Taster Session - FREE! - Zoya Beale is offering a free Pilates class to members of St Thomas' which will be held in the Church Hall on Thursday 27 August at 7.00 pm. Please let me know if you'd like to come along - wear comfortable clothing for exercise and either socks or bare feet; all equipment will be provided. All levels welcome. Chris Jones tel: 676975.

Beaconsfield Country Fayre – Monday Bank Holiday 31st Aug in Old Town featuring a Dog Show. More details at www.beaconsfieldcountryfayre.org.

Walk the MS Mile – Support the Chilterns MS Centre on Wed 2 Sept 11am in Old Town Beaconsfield where the Beaconsfield MS mile will take place from Universal Care offices on Windsor End towards the Nat'l Film School. Join by registering free at www.chilternsmcentre.org.

Anniversary - It is Peter and Rachel's Golden Wedding Anniversary on Friday September 4th 2015. If you would like to send them a card, please send to their son Trevor at: Trevor Charles, 19 Falcon House Gardens, Woolton Hill, Newbury, RG20 9UQ. Or if anyone wants to send a card directly to Peter and Rachael, their address is: 10 Fairacre, Woolton Hill, Newbury, RG20 9UF.

Breakfast will be served in the hall between 9.00-9.45 am on Sunday 6 September. It would be great if you could come along to chat over croissants, cereals, fruit salad and toast before the 10.00 am service. We hope to see you there. Social Group

Prayers for Peace – Following recent week of prayer for the Middle East, we hope to continue by starting on Mon 7 Sept 12.30-1.30pm at URC Church Aylesbury. Each week there will be a particular country or area as the focus on prayer. For more information contact Cathy Smith at catherinesmith52@btinternet.com.

Alpha - The Beaconsfield "Churches Together" Team is planning to run the Alpha course starting in September. Please email beaconsfield.alpha@gmail.com for more information or find us on Facebook at Alpha 2015 Beaconsfield. Alpha is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, low-key setting. We watch a short video first and then chat in small groups. 27 million people have tried Alpha in 169 countries and 112 languages. Learn more at www.alpha.org/try.

Beaconsfield Parish Retreat – Fri 11th to 13th Sept 2015 at Ladywell Retreat and Spirituality Centre, Godalming, to be led by Alison Caw titled 'O for a closer walk with God'. Cost is £130. For more information or to reserve a place, contact Daphne Scott on 01494 676938 or email scottdaphne@gmail.com.

Pelagos Course – 'Advanced Skills in Spiritual Direction' running for 8 sessions Sept – Nov 2015 at St Thomas' Church Holtspur. For spiritual directors and those in a listening or pastoral ministry who wish to deepen their understanding of accompanying others, develop their skills, and grow their confidence in working with both individuals and groups. Cost is £350. More information at www.pelagos.co.uk.

The 15 Concert – Sat 17 Oct 7.30pm at St Mary's Church featuring St Mary's Choir with music through the ages, ranging from plain song through to the 21st century. Tickets £12 from the Parish Office.

Beaconsfield Advisory Centre – Thank you to all those who drive for the transport scheme of the BAC. We need another transport organiser to help on a rota basis. Please contact the Centre at 672987 if you are able to help. Thank you.