

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: Adrienne Welling; Hannah Young; Tracey, Simon, Jess, Liberty, Zachariah and Alanis Alway

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 Kiln Court and the Senior Citizens Group

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

Mission – Toybox

"You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples." Ps. 77v14 (NIV)



I received this urgent Prayer Request from Toybox on Thursday. Helen

I am writing to you today to request your urgent prayers for the people – and especially the children – of El Salvador. You may have seen the recent reports in the newspapers about how the gang related violence in this small and exceptionally violent country has spiked to unprecedented levels. El Salvador has a population approximately two thirds that of London and has reported 125 violent deaths over three days, putting it in line to become the deadliest country in the world.

As always, in situations like this, it is the children, and especially those without the protection of a home or a family, who are in the greatest danger and who are the most vulnerable. Thank God, most of us can't imagine what living under this constant terror might be like. We know that we have a miraculous God who can change hearts and minds. So, I'm writing to you today to ask if you would pray to God that he will change El Salvador.

Please pray alone, in your families, with friends, your home groups and your churches. Please pray for a miraculous work of God that will stem the tide of these killings. Please pray too for the governments and the families of El Salvador. Please also remember the gang members who perpetrate this violence – that their hearts will be completely changed.

Our work in El Salvador goes on so please do pray for our partner staff who continue to work to support these children, often taking great risks to do so. Thank you for praying. Your prayers will make a difference. God bless, Lynne Morris, CEO.

Sunday 30th August 2015



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

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

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.45am Church Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion

Lead: The Revd Kevin Beer
Preacher: Paul Cornelius

Readings

- **Song of Songs 2. 8 - 13 (p. 679)**
- **Matthew 14. 1 - 12 (p. 981)**

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 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity:

**Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Services and Events Next Week

Friday 4th

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

Sunday 6th Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00-9.45am Breakfast in the Hall
9.45am Church Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion plus Open Forum
Celebrant and Preacher:
The Revd Dr Jeremy Brooks

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



We wish a Happy Birthday to . . .

Mike Rankin and Fiona Collins

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.

Toy washing - Could you take a box of toys home for washing? Please speak to Ruth M if you can. They need to be returned next Sunday. Thank you.

Request for volunteers for the community drop-in café at Holtspur Youth Club The number of people coming to the cafe varies from week to week, but it is establishing a meeting point for the community as well as being the distribution point for the One Can Trust food bank. (There has been quite a rise in the number of families being provided with food parcels over the past few weeks.)

The rota can be very flexible - alternate weeks, monthly, term time/holidays only etc. The cafe is open 9:45 to 12:00 every Friday, and helpers - male and female - need to be there to set up, to serve drinks and be available to chat with visitors, and to clear away. Volunteers can choose how often they are on the rota and whether they attend for the whole morning or just the first half (8:20 to 10:30) or the second half (10:20 to 12:15). Contact Ian Johnson 07527 058397 or email at:

ian.e.johnson@btinternet.com

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.

Men's breakfast - 12th September 8.30am URC Aylesbury End Dr John Parry will give a talk entitled "Religion behind today's Middle East" John was ordained as a Presbyterian in the Church of Bangladesh and now serves as a minister of the United Reformed Church. For catering purposes please let Paul know if you intend on going.

Ride and Stride - Sat 12 Sept. How many churches could you cycle, horse ride or walk to between 10am and 6pm? Raise money for the Trust for Repair of Churches and the Church of your choice. Sponsorship forms are available at the back of the Church. Derek Moores

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.