

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 Debbie and Macie Woodward
- For our church family members:Carolynn Croisdale-Appleby; Doreen and Stan Barlow; Kevin Beer

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 and Holtspur Pre-School

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

On Saturday 5th September, the world recognises the **International Day of Charity**.



Typically, this is a day where companies and individuals are encouraged to engage in charitable events, whether that is through fundraising, education or public awareness-raising activities.

Therefore this week, we pray that people will be inspired by this global movement to take some time to raise awareness and funds for **Toybox's** all important work with some of the world's most vulnerable children.

Sunday 6th September 2015



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

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

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Breakfast in the hall
9.45am Church Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion
Celebrant and Preacher:
Revd Kevin Beer

Readings

- **Isaiah 35. 4 – 7a (p. 719)**
- **Mark 7. 24 - end (p. 1010)**

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 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity:

**Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Services and Events Next Week

Tuesday 8th

9.30-11.30am Tom's Tots in St Thomas' Hall
2.30-4.30pm Holtspur Senior Citizens club meets at Kiln Court
6.30-9pm Rock Solid Youth group meets at St Michael's

Wednesday 9th

10.30am Monthly Service at Kiln Court
1.00pm Funeral for Lorna Woodward

Friday 11th

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

Sunday 13th

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
9.45am Church Prayer
10.00am Morning Praise
Lead: Gill Pearce
Preacher: Revd Dr Jeremy Brooks

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Sunday 20th September - TEAM SERVICE at St Michael's when all Beaconsfield Team are invited to worship together.

There will be **NO** 10am Service at St Thomas'.

Lorna Woodward's funeral will be held in St Thomas' Church at 1pm on Wednesday 9 September, followed by burial in Holtspur cemetery. Refreshments will be served in the Hall. Lorna was very involved in St Thomas' and many people will know her daughter, Debbie and granddaughter, Macie.

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

Harvest Supper Homicide in Holtspur - Sat 26 Sept at 7.15pm for 7.30. Invite your friends and neighbours to join in the mystery and have a meal and fun as well. Tickets are available Ruth, Chris, Ros and Jill at £10 per adult and £5 for children. Please book by 22 Sept. If you are able to help by making a trifle please sign the list at the back of church.

Harvest Donations - Our Harvest Festival is on Sunday 27 September. Please bring store cupboard items for One Can Trust. There are shopping lists at the back of church. (They are well stocked with pasta, beans and soup so don't need those at the moment).

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.

An Evening with Stuart Townend Saturday 17th October 7.30 p.m. at Chalfont St Giles Parish Church. Tickets £15 from Alan Hawkins 01494 870866.

Wycombe Homeless Connection Big Sleep Out from 20th – 21st November. Swap your bed for a sleeping bag for a night and raise sponsorship to help homeless people rebuild their lives. To find out more go to www.wyhoc.org.uk

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



We wish a Happy Birthday to . . .

Stephen Haynes, Mike Grace, Sybil Fry & Millie Honiball

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.

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. 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 ian.e.johnson@btinternet.com.

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.