

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: Peter and Pat Binns; Debra Bower; Jeremy Brooks; Gareth and Helen Buchanan

Community

- We pray for all who live and work in Holtspur and Beaconsfield
- We pray that we will be able to take opportunities to invite people to events and to learn more about us and our faith
- We thank God for all those involved with Hope Cafe and for the new Job Club starting in October.

Church

- Pray for strengthening relationships between all the Beaconsfield Churches as we seek to serve our community together in the coming year
- For the Beaconsfield Team Ministry for unity and fellowship

World

- For compassion for all the migrants and refugees without anywhere to live
- For wisdom for all government leaders deciding how to respond to the current situation
- For peace and stability in Syria, Libya and all areas suffering fighting and intolerance

Mission – Sharon International Ministries

Please pray for Sharon International Ministries (SIM) and its school which provides free education for 550 children of the lowest castes in rural India, especially the youngest who are starting school for the first time.

Also pray for all the teachers who are so important to the success of the school. Pray for Dr Sam Karra whose dedication to the ministry of SIM is so important in the lives of so many in the area.

Finally please pray for the visit to the school next week, by Narinder Tegally and Tom Holyer who are spending a week at the school. May their journey be safe and fruitful.

Sunday 13th September 2015



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

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

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Readings

- **Isaiah 50. 4 – 9a (p. 737)**
- **Mark 8. 27 - end (p. 1012)**

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 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity:

**Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

6pm Prayer Hour at St Thomas

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**Next Sunday 20th September is
TEAM SERVICE at St Michael's Church
There will be NO 10am Service at St Thomas'**

Services and Events for Next (Two)Weeks

Tuesday 15th

9.30-11.30am Tom's Tots in St Thomas' Hall
6.30-9pm Rock Solid Youth group meets at St Michael's

Friday 18th

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

Sunday 20th Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

THERE IS NO SERVICE AT ST THOMAS'

10.00am **TEAM SERVICE** at St Michael's Church
(There will be NO Notice Sheet for this week)

Tuesday 22nd

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

Friday 25th

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

Saturday 26th

7.15 for 7.30pm Harvest Supper Homicide in Holtspur

Sunday 27th Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.45am Church Prayer
10.00am All-Age Morning Praise – Harvest
Lead: Andrew, Hazel, Trevor, Fiona
Preach: All-Age Team



We wish a Happy Birthday to . . .

**Pat Butler, Emma Collins, Jonathan Pearce,
Charlie Simpson, & Ilse Rankin**

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 rota can be very flexible - alternate weeks, monthly, term time/holidays only etc. 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

Alpha - Two Alpha Courses are being offered each week this Autumn: 1) "Tea & Cake Alpha". Come for a cream tea taster on Thur 24 Sept at 2:30-3:30pm. The course will run from 1 Oct at 2.30 and materials will be provided in large type format, plus refreshments. Venue: Holtspur St Thomas Church, Mayflower Way, Beaconsfield HP9 1UF; 2) "Alpha Supper" from Mon 28 Sept (7:30-9:45pm) Course materials will be provided, plus a simple supper. Venue: 15a Grove Road, Beaconsfield HP9 1UR. Email beaconsfield.alpha@gmail.com for more information.

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 from 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).

Birthday Celebration - 80-80-80 - Please join us after church on Sunday September 27th to celebrate with a glass of wine and a slice of cake for our birthdays, not quite triplets but all within 3 months!! Vintage year 1935. **Tony Chambers, Mike Grace and Jan Petts.**

Silver Sunday Songs of Praise - Sun 4 October at 4.00 pm Come and join in our celebration of older people by singing hymns in St Thomas' church followed by afternoon tea in the Hall - All welcome. Contact the Parish Office to confirm your attendance on 01494 676690 or email: debra@stmarysbeaconsfield.org.uk. Please let us know if you would like transport to this event. We also need 2-3 people to help out during the afternoon; please contact Chris Jones (tel: 676975) if you are available.

Film Show in St Thomas' Hall - Sat 10 October at 2.30 pm. We will be showing 'The Help' - the story of an aspiring author during the civil rights movement of the 1960s who decides to write a book detailing the African-American maids' point of view on the white families for which they work, and the hardships they go through on a daily basis. Everyone is welcome - tea and cakes will be served in the interval. If you are able to make cakes for this event, please sign up on the list at the back of the church.

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 £10-£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

BAC – We urgently need more drivers to take clients to medical appointments. Please contact the BAC on 01494 672987 if you can help.

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