

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, Ron Petts; we remember all those who care for them
- For Chris Burley, Delia and family
- For our church family members: Peter and Mavis Chapman; Hazel Chow; Chris and Mary Cole; Brian and Ruth Collins

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.
- For Tom's Tots and Kiln Court

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 – Tansen Hospital

Please pray for the following:

The country of Nepal that the new constitution will be completed soon and that there will be peace in the country after the recent unrest and people will accept the new federal boundaries.

For safety travelling on slippery, landslide prone roads during the monsoon.

For adequate rains as some areas of the country are not getting enough monsoon rains this season and some farmers are facing crop failure.

Sunday 4th October 2015



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

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

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.45am Church Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion
Celebrant and Preacher:
Revd Jeremy Brooks

Readings

- **Job 2. 1 - 10 (p. 510)**
- **Mark 10. 2 - 16 (p. 1014)**

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 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity:

**God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**4.00pm Silver Sunday Songs of Praise and
Afternoon Tea in St Thomas' Church**

Services and Events for Next Week

Monday 5th

12.30-1.30 Prayer for Peace Among Nations at URC

Tuesday 6th

9.30-11.30am Tom's Tots in St Thomas' Hall
6.30-9pm Rock Solid Youth group meets at St Michael's
7.30pm Heath Singers and Vintage Brass Concert at St Thomas' Church

Thursday 8th

2.30pm Alpha Course at St Thomas' Church

Friday 9th

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

Saturday 10th

8.30am Men's Breakfast at URC
2.30pm Film Show 'The Help' in St Thomas' Hall

Sunday 11th

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.45am Church Prayer
10.00am Morning Praise
Lead: Gill Pearce
Preacher: Trevor Sharkey
6pm Prayer Hour at St Thomas'

Please e-mail your notices to

debra@stmarysbeaconsfield.org.uk by **Thursday 12 noon** each week. Many thanks.



We wish a Happy Birthday to ...

Jan Petts and Barbara Ferris

Use of the Church - It is good that the Church building is being used more, but it does mean that if you are photocopying, cleaning, flower arrangingyou may need to check that you won't interrupt something.

- **Chloe Mutton** is the new youth worker with Young Life and will be using the office as her base as she lives in Reading.
- **Pelagos** start an 8 week course on Monday 28 Sept through to 30 Nov (not 26 Oct and 2 Nov) 9.30 to 4pm.
- **Alpha Course** is booked for Thur from 2.30 to 4.30.

Embrace - Jeremy Moodey, CEO responded to an enquiry from CTB about help being given to refugees. Here is an extract from a recent email. (More details from Gill Pearce):

Embrace the Middle East is stepping up its campaign to raise money for mattresses for Syrian refugees in Lebanon. The main reason that the crisis has become greater recently is that UN Aid has stopped in a number of the camps as the money promised or sought in UN appeals has fallen far short of the targets set. Last year there was nearly a 50 per cent shortfall and this year perhaps only a third of what was sought has been forthcoming. As a result, refugees are starving and are faced with Hobson's choice of whether to risk a terrible journey to Europe or go back to war-torn Syria. There are 11 million displaced persons/refugees, of whom only a small number are coming to Europe. The situation is dire. It is worth noting that the UK government are spending a huge amount helping in those camps. It is the second biggest donor after USA and probably contributes more than the rest of Europe put together.

Prayer Times in Church – There will be NO Morning Prayer or Wednesday Prayers during 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 October 11th at St Thomas' Church.

The Alzheimers Society which organises 'Singing for the Brain' on a Friday morning at the Fitzwilliams Centre needs someone to help set up each week. If you think you can help, contact Jane Penton at email jane.penton@alzheimers.org.uk or call her on 01296 718956.

The Real Advent Calendar - with Fairtrade chocolate and a Christmas story activity book. Order by signing the order form by Tuesday 27 October, £4 per calendar. More details from Ruth Moores.

Concert – Heath Singers and Vintage Brass. Tues 6th Oct 7.30pm at St Thomas' Church. In memory of Elizabeth. Tickets £5 donation from Ken Hall 67887, or at the door. Please join us. Proceeds in aid of National Osteoporosis Society.

Men's Breakfast – 10th Oct 8.30am at URC. Dr David Cornick will give a talk entitled "Whatever happened to the Churches in the 60s? Living with a Legacy". For catering reasons please let Paul know if you intend to go.

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, please sign up on the list at the back of the church.

Young Life - Join us on Mon 12th Oct for a Young Life prayer session. We now have a wonderful new leader, Chloe Mutton, for Young Life in Beaconsfield. Chloe will be there and you can meet and pray for her! The prayer session will be from 7.30-8.30pm at the Methodist church on Shepherds Lane and cake will be baked especially. Please email your details to Rhiannon Scott the prayer secretary for the Beaconsfield Young Life committee on rhiscott@gmail.com. Rhiannon will be collating a prayer list.

Training Events – Children's Network on Thurs 15th Oct 7.45-9.30pm at St Michael's & All Angels Hughenden Park & Thurs 26th Nov 7.45-9.30pm - venue tbc. Youth Network on Thurs 22nd Oct 10am-12pm – venue tbc. Also 'Discipleship & Young People' for anyone involved with Youth Ministry on Thurs 26th Nov 9.30-3pm in Wycombe. More details will be available soon at: www.wycombeyfc.org.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

Beauty and the Beast - Sunday 29 November 4 - 6pm at the Beaconsfield School. After the success last year of the Snow Queen, the Saltmine Theatre Company have been booked again. Tickets available from Hope Church.