

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 and Pat Butler; we remember all those who care for them
- For our church family members: Richard, Catherine, Harriet and Isobel Davidson; Christopher Dredge; Barbara Ferris; Roy and Sybil Fry
- For the family and friends of Mike Rankin, and especially Ilse.

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
- For Kiln Court, Senior Citizens Group and Tom's Tots

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:

This is the busy season when patient numbers are high, pray for any critically ill patients and the staff, as wards are full to overflowing.

The New Life Psychiatric Rehab Home needs funding for the daily running of the home – food, utilities, staff, etc.

Long-term medical personnel is an ongoing need. **We are especially in need of long term general surgeons and General Practitioners / adult internal medicine specialists by the end of 2015.**

From Rachel Karrach, Hospital Director

Sunday 18th October 2015



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

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

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

9.45am Church Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion
Celebrant and Preacher:
Revd Cathy Smith

Readings

- **Job 38. 1 – 7, 34 - end (p. 538)**
- **Luke 10. 1 - 9 (p. 1041)**

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 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity:

**God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives, that we may see your
goodness in the land of the living, and looking on
your beauty may be changed into the likeness
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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Mission Aviation Fellowship Day of Prayer
We are praying for MAF's work worldwide. There are leaflets and book marks available for those who would like to take part. MAF is one of the team outside giving charities.

Services and Events for Next Week

Tuesday 20th

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

Friday 23rd

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

Sunday 25th

Twenty First Sunday after Trinity
9.45am Church Prayer
10.00am Morning Praise
Lead: Paul Cornelius
Preacher: Hazel Chow

Christian Aid Charity Bridge Drive – Fri 6th Nov 2pm in the Fitzwilliams Centre (doors open at 1.30pm). Tables provided but please bring your own cards. £32 per table includes delicious afternoon tea, raffle and prizes. To book a table contact Margaret Mardall at 672120.

Inter-Church Quiz Night – With Beaconsfield Churches Together on 14th Nov 7.30pm in the Fitzwilliams Centre. All proceeds to Embrace the Middle East to support their 'Mattress Appeal' for Syrian refugees in Lebanon. More at www.embraceme.org/mattress. Tickets £12 (includes supper). Teams of 8 welcome. Sign up sheet at back of the church to join the St Thomas' team.



It is time to start preparing for our Christmas Shoebox appeal. The leaflets explaining what to put in our shoeboxes and the flat pack boxes, are now ready for collection at the back of the church. A donation of £3 is needed to accompany each box, to help pay for transportation. If you can't fill a shoebox but would like to help, donations towards the boxes made up by Kiln Court residents, would be much appreciated. All the filled boxes, will be blessed in church on **Sunday 15th November**.



Majestic Film Nights at St Michael's in the CCRC. Thurs 19th Nov – *The Imitation Game*; and Thurs 17th Dec – *Christmas Celebrations*. Arrive 6.45pm for 7pm start. Light refreshments served during intervals. All are welcome.

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

Christmas Altar Frontal Family Craft Day – Sat 28th Nov at 10am in the Fitzwilliams Centre. Come and make a Christmas Altar Frontal. A workshop for all families and all ages. Just turn up on the day.

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.

Book - Jeremy Brooks' new book 'Whispers of Love' has now been published and is available from him for a price of £10 (rrp £13.99). It offers a collection of readings, hymns, and prayers for funerals and memorial services.

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



We wish a Happy Birthday to . . .

Keith Smith

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.

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.

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.

Training Events – 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