

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: Eleanor Hagger; Philip and Alison Hart; Stephen Haynes; Margaret Higgs

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 local businesses, 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
- 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 – Barnabas Fund

Prayers for the persecuted:

Pakistan:	May Christians be safe from the Islamist terror plans
Syria:	Kidnapped Syrian Christians under death threats from ISIS
Nepal:	Nepalese churches attacked after assembly rejected Hindu nation proposal
Pakistan:	For the family of a Christian man shot dead after wife renounced Islam
Laos:	For two believers who have been arrested for spreading Christianity
Cambodia:	For Vietnamese Christian Montagnards forced to return home despite persecution

Sunday 1st November 2015



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

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

All Saints' Day

9.45am Church Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion
Celebrant and Preacher:
Revd Narinder Tegally

Readings

- **Isaiah 25. 6 - 9 (p. 708)**
- **Matthew 5. 1 - 12 (p. 968)**

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 All Saints Day:

**God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Services and Events for Next Week

Tuesday 3rd

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

Friday 6th

8.45am-12noon Hope Community Drop-in and One Can Food Bank Project
2pm Christian Aid Charity Bridge Drive in the Fitzwilliams Centre
7pm Holtspur Youth Club

Sunday 8th Third Sunday before Advent

Remembrance Sunday

*** Note time changes ***

9.15am Church Prayer
9.30am A Service of Reflection and Prayer

10:45am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
11:15am A 'Service of Remembrance' in St Mary's Church with Revd Narinder Tegally



Wishing a very Happy Birthday to...

Cathie Orton and Freddie Simpson

A Thank You from Narinder Tegally – 'To everyone for all the support given throughout my sabbatical, and personally for all the love and prayers received during my time away. I am truly grateful.'

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.

BAC - We need more volunteer drivers to take clients to medical appointment. Please contact the Centre if you can offer some of your time at 01494 672987. Many thanks.

HELP NEEDED with delivery of the Parish Magazine at the end of each month. This is a small round in the centre of Beaconsfield Old Town; if you can help in this way please contact Lesley Allen-Terry on 01494 678577

Winter coats for Newham - If you are planning to change your winter coat or that of your spouse or children can we please have the old ones? Men's coats really welcome. Please contact the parish office for more details at 676690.

The Real Advent Calendars are now available from Ruth Moores (673167). They include a Christmas Story book and Fairtrade chocolate and cost £4 each. I have some extra ones to sell. Thank you, Ruth.

Training Event – '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

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.

Iain Rennie Christmas Fair – Sat 14th Nov 10am-3pm at the Beaconsfield School. New this year will be 'Kids' Zone' with prizes, fun activities, Christmas Grotto and more. There will be over 30 stalls, many new, and the Café' will be serving delicious drinks and snacks. Come along for some family fun, to find the perfect Christmas gift and to support this marvellous, local charity.

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.