

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 Gareth Buchanan, Roy, Sammy Smith, Ron Petts, Pat Butler, Hayley and her family; we remember all those who care for them.
- For our church family members: Maria Njenja, Rose Nyamu, Yvonne Mwiti and Max Mwiti; Catherine and Richard Orton

Community

- We pray for all who live and work in Holtspur and Beaconsfield
- We thank God for our witness and opportunities in this community
- We pray for Tom's Tots and the local businesses

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 - 'The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.'

Psalm 34:18

Lord of heaven and earth of all nations and peoples of all faiths and no faith

Reveal yourself to those who are suffering in the midst of their pain and grief

Reveal yourself to all who are refugees,

Reveal yourself to those who are powerful,

Reveal yourself to all who are powerless,

Reveal yourself to ordinary people in their everyday lives,

that this world might reflect your love, peace and your glory.

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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

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Sunday 29th November 2015



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

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

First Sunday of Advent

9.45am Church Prayer
10.00am Morning Praise
Lead: Hannah Cartwright
Preacher: Revd Narinder Tegally

Readings

- **1 Thessalonians 3. 9 - end (p. 1187)**
- **Luke 21. 25 - 36 (p. 1057)**

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 First Sunday of Advent

**Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

**4-6pm Beauty and the Beast at
Beaconsfield School**

**6.30pm Advent Carol Service at St Mary's
Church**

Services and Events for Next Week

Monday 30th

9.30-3pm Advent Awakening at Restore Hope Latimer

Tuesday 1st Dec

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.15-11.15am Toms Tots

6.30-9pm Rock Solid and Synergy meets at St Michael's

Wednesday 2nd

8.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's

Thursday 3rd

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 4th

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.45am-12pm Hope Community Drop-in at Holtspur Youth Club

7pm Holtspur Youth Club

Sunday 6th

Second Sunday of Advent

9.45am Church Prayer

10am Holy Communion

Lead and Preacher: Revd Jeremy Brooks

Readings: Philippians 1. 3 - 11
Luke 3. 1 - 6

Narinder Tegally at St Mary's

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.

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.

Restore Hope Latimer are hosting a Ladies Day 'ADVENT AWAKENING' at Restore Hope Mon 30th Nov 9.30am - 3pm, £10 per head, lunch included. They would love as many ladies to come as possible. Ruth Yule from Soul Survivor will be speaking and there will be lots of amazing activities, and times of worship together. Please speak to Narinder if you would like to go or book directly: <http://www.restorehope.org.uk/>

Christmas Concert – Beaconsfield and High Wycombe Rock Choir Thurs 3rd Dec 7.30-9.30pm at St Mary's Church in support of Rennie Grove Hospice Care. Ticket £5 at 01442 890222. Go to www.rockchoir or www.renniegrove.org for more details.

Thinking Theology talk - "How Islam sees the West - Religion behind today's Middle East" Sat 5th Dec 10-12pm with Revd Dr John Parry in the new Parish Centre at St Teresa's Church, Warwick Road. Highly recommended. No preparation necessary. Welcome and refreshments beforehand.

Great Missenden Choral Society - "From Rutter with love" Saturday 5th December 7.30 p.m. at St. Peter & St Paul Church, Gt Missenden. Tickets £14 from www.gmcsonline.co.uk

Christmas Production at Restore Hope Latimer - 'Christmas with Granny' 11th Dec 6-7.15pm at the Barn, Restore Hope, Latimer Park. Book online at www.restorehopelatimer.org or at 01494 765555.

Mens Breakfast URC - Saturday 12th December 8.30am. John Pell will give a talk entitled "Our Community – does it need your help in these Modern times". For catering purposes please can you let Paul know if you intend to go.

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

Dates to note:

20 Dec - 4.00 Carols by Candlelight

24 Dec - 4.30 Christingle

25 Dec - 10.00 Christmas Day Communion

23 Jan - 2.30 Film Show

6 Feb - Evening meal out together

7 May - RAF Halton Band Concert

Please e-mail your notices to

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



Wishing a very Happy Birthday to...

Isobel Davidson

Church Bookings:

Pelagos will be continuing with their course using the church on Mondays from 9.30 to 4pm for the rest of November

Photocopier has moved to the Vestry as Chloe Mutton is now using the Office as her Beaconsfield base. All paper is being kept in the fan cupboard at the end of the Vestry corridor.

Christmas Cards for delivery: Walk and pray - Please pick up some bundles of cards for delivery and pray for the homes as you deliver them.

Stewardship Response - Thank you to all those who have responded to the stewardship letter already. Please reply by 13 December if possible.

Desk - Last chance opportunity to have the desk which is not needed at St Thomas' any more. Speak to Andrew or Peter today.

Well Done - A BIG thank you to all who took part in the Inter-Church Quiz night last week. The evening raised a total of £1212 which amounts to 101 mattresses – a wonderful total!

Volunteers needed to help make christingles for the **Messy Christingle** on Sun 13th Dec 3pm onwards. See Narinder Tegally for more details.

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. Items can be dropped at St Mary's. Thank you.