

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, Sybil, Roy, Sammy Smith, Ron Petts, Hayley and her family; we remember all those who care for them
- For Frances, Martin and Stephen as we mourn the loss of Pat Butler
- For our church family members: Jonathan and Gill Pearce; Ben, Alison, Anna and Lucy Peters

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 the medical, ambulance, police and fire services

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

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

Contacts at St Thomas'

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Sunday 6th December 2015



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

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

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Readings

- **Philippians 1. 3 - 11 (p. 1178)**
- **Luke 3. 1 - 6 (p. 1029)**

Revd Narinder Tegally at St Mary's

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 Second Sunday of Advent

**Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God. Amen**

Services and Events for Next Week

Tuesday 8th

9.15-11.15am Tom's Tots in St Thomas' Hall
2.30-4.30pm Senior Citizens Carol Service at Kin Court
6.30-9pm Rock Solid and Synergy meets at St Michael's

Wednesday 9th

10am Kin Court Carol Service
3.30-5.30pm Christmas Messy Church at Holtspur Methodist Church

Friday 11th

8.45am-12pm Hope Community Drop-in Café
7pm Holtspur Youth Club

Saturday 12th

8.30-10am Men's Breakfast at URC Old Town

Sunday 13th

9.45am Church Prayer
10am 2nd Sunday Special for Advent
Revd Narinder Tegally and
Hannah Cartwright

Readings: Philippians 4. 4 - 7
Luke 3. 7 - 18

**We welcome Chloe Mutton,
our Young Life youth worker**

4-6pm Messy Church Christingle Service at St Mary's
6pm Prayer Hour at St Thomas'



Wishing a very Happy Birthday to...
Elliot Collins and Lois Snelling

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!

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.

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.

Job vacancy - St Mary's and St Thomas' are looking for a new part-time Communications Administrator to work in the Fitzwilliams Centre office alongside our existing team. We need someone that has had at least some experience or possesses the aptitude to use technology, social media and the Internet to communicate. This role is primarily focused on helping us expand and develop our communications, both inside and outside both churches and streamline communication between the two. If you are interested in finding out more, contact Jeremy Brooks at rector@stmarysbeaconsfield.org.uk.

Hope Café - Friday 11th Dec - Some of us agreed to meet at Hope Café 2nd Friday of each month from 10.30-11.30am for coffee and chat. We would love you to join us. Please speak to Janet or Ruth

Christmas Production at Restore Hope Latimer - Friday 11th Dec - 'Christmas with Granny' from 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 Dec – John Pell will give a talk at 8.30am 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.

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

Taize Service – Sunday 13th Dec - As part of our series of evening services of meditation for Advent, Jeremy and Dorothy will lead a service at St Mary's with music from the Taize community at 6.30pm.

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

Carol Service - Sunday 20th Dec - Homemade mince pies needed, please. If you are able to provide some, please sign up on sheet at Welcome table. Also please let me know if you are available to help serve refreshments. Thank you - Chris Jones (tel: 676975).

Dates to note:

20 Dec - 4.00pm Carols by Candlelight
24 Dec - 4.30pm Christingle
25 Dec - 10.00am Christmas Day Communion

23 Jan - 2.30pm Film Show
6 Feb - Holtspur Park fundraising evening 'Bingo and Chili'
12 Mar - Pelagos 'Quiet Day for Lent' led by Mrs Margaret Sentamu
7 May - RAF Halton Band Concert

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