

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 they prepare to bid farewell to dear Pat
- For our church family members: Ron and Jan Petts; Al Ramsay; Ilse Rankin; Adele Rawlinson, Frank Daris, Aoife-Rose, and Kian

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 Holtspur School, Holtspur Pre-School and Holtspur Park Friends

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:

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| 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 13th December 2015



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

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

Third Sunday of Advent

9.45am Church Prayer
10.00am 2nd Sunday Special for Advent
**Revd Narinder Tegally
and Hannah Cartwright**

Readings

- **Philippians 4. 4 - 7 (p. 1181)**
- **Luke 3. 7 - 18 (p. 1029)**

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

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 Third Sunday of Advent

**God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of
your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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

Services and Events for Next Week

Monday 14th

7.30pm WI Christmas Evening in St Thomas' Church

Tuesday 15th

9.15-11.15am Tom's Tots in St Thomas' Hall
5.30-7.30pm Come and join us for 'Holtspur Christmas Festival' in Mayflower Way (carol singers needed)

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

Wednesday 16th

12.30pm Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Pat Butler – you are all welcome to the service followed by the reception in the hall

Thursday 17th

8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Rehearsal in church for Holtspur School Concert

Friday 18th

8.30am Morning Prayer
8.45am-12pm Hope Community Drop-in Café
1pm Holtspur School Concert in Church
7pm Holtspur Youth Club

Sunday 20th

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.45am Church Prayer
10am Holy Communion

Readings: TBC

4pm Carols and Readings by Candlelight followed by mulled wine and mince pies

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.

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.

London Run – Monday 14th Dec – Items for the homeless are being delivered up to London and donations of these items would be greatly appreciated: 1 round meat/cheese sandwich (wrapped), piece of fruit (apple, orange, banana), chocolate biscuit (wrapped), cake or mince pie (wrapped), bag of crisps, small carton of juice, Christmas card (signed 'from someone who cares'), wrapped Christmas present (soap, toiletries, dark socks, gloves, scarf, suitable for men or women). Please deliver to the back of St Mary's on Sunday or Monday morning. Crisis takes over during Christmas and the London Run will start again on Monday January 4th, 2016. Many thanks for your support – the homeless people are truly grateful.

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).

Christmas Collections - Our donations at the Carols by Candlelight Service on 20 December and on Christmas Day will be given to Sharon International Ministries. Our donations at the Christmas Eve Christingle Service will be given to The Children's Society. There are special envelopes available for each of the charities so that Gift Aid may be reclaimed, so if you are a tax payer please pick up an envelope.

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.



Wishing a very Happy Birthday to...

Kian Dardis

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.

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

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.