

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 Emily Adam, Wendy, Hayley, Gareth Buchanan, Sybil, Roy, Sammy Smith and Ron Petts; we remember all those who care for them
- For our church family members: Joyce Salmon; Trevor and Ros Sharkey; Alan and Jenny Shiell

Community

- We pray for all who live and work in Holtspur and Beaconsfield; for our Fire and Ambulance services and the local General Practice Sugeries
- We thank God for our witness and opportunities in this community
- We pray for Tom's Tots and we give thanks for those who lead – Ruth, Lyndsey, Denise, Joyce and Jane

Church

- Pray for strengthening relationships between all the Beaconsfield Churches as we seek to serve our community together in the coming year
- For St Thomas' as we discern God's will for us as a Church and Community

World – Prayer as we look to 2016

Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle; the strength to be forgiving; the patience to be understanding; and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding to what we believe to be right. May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred.

We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence, a new world where fear shall no longer lead men to commit injustice, nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others. Help us to commit our lives, our thoughts, our deeds and actions to strive towards peace, justice and reconciliation. Amen

Mission – Food for the Hungry (Burundi)

- Political stability and a reduction in the civil unrest in Burundi
- That FH Staff are able to travel to the communities and do not flee the country and the work because of the insecurity
- That the women of the community are able to engage with the new program during times of such uncertainty.
- That God is glorified through the love and compassion that is demonstrated in the project.

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Sunday 3rd January 2016



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

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

Second Sunday of Christmas (The Epiphany)

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

Readings

- **Ephesians 3. 1 - 12 (p. 1174)**
- **Matthew 2. 1 - 12 (p. 966)**

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 Christmas (The Epiphany)

**Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**6.30pm Healing Service with Holy
Communion at St Mary's**

Services and Events for Next Week

Tuesday 5th

8.30am Morning Prayer
9.15-11.30am Toms Tots in St Thomas Hall
6.30- 9pm Rock Solid and Synergy meets at St Michael's

Wednesday 6th

8.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
9am Holy Communion in Fitzwilliam Centre

Thursday 7th

8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holtspur School

Friday 8th

9am Morning Prayer
8.45am-12pm Hope Community Drop-in Café
7pm Holtspur Youth Club

Saturday 9th

9am-10.30am Standing Committee meets in Church

Sunday 10th

The Baptism of Christ

9.45am Coffee in Church
10am 2nd Sunday Special Morning Praise
Lead: Hannah Cartwright
Preacher: Revd Narinder Tegally

Readings: Isaiah 43. 1 - 7
Luke 3. 15 - 22

6pm Prayer Hour at St Thomas' Church



Wishing a very Happy Birthday to...

Doreen Barlow

A very **Happy New Year** to all and a big **thank you** to everyone who was involved in whatever way for making our Christmas Services so special and welcoming. Narinder

Next Phase for St Thomas' - Without prayer we won't know where God wants to lead us, the more we pray together the better. So please join us for the 'Prayer Hour' 2nd Sunday of each month or the 4th Wednesday of each month from 6-7pm at St Thomas Church. (Please see dates from Jan- April 2016)

Jan: Sun 10th & Wed 27th; **Feb:** Sun 14th & Wed 24th; **Mar:** Sun 13th & Wed 23rd; **April:** Sun 10th & Wed 27th

Financial Pledges - Thank you to all those who have returned their pledged giving form. It is never too late if you haven't done so yet, but please give it to Ruth as she won't remember to check the box!

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.

Congratulations - We congratulate Kevin appointed as Team Vicar in the Wallingford Team Ministry with both pastoral responsibility for the parishes of Brightwell-cum-Sotwell and Crowmarsh Gifford and having responsibility within wider Team for:

- initiation and development of work with children, families and young people, prioritising and facilitating this in an innovative way
- responsibility for developing links with new communities (>600 new houses planned) and Crowmarsh Gifford and having responsibility within wider team

We will be sad to see him and Lesley-Ann leave but send them both our love and prayers in their ministry ahead. Date for Kevin's final Sunday is yet to be confirmed.

Men's Breakfast - Sat 9th Jan - 8.30am at URC Aylesbury End. A talk, "The Amersham Martyrs", will be given by Richard Worland. Richard is an accountant by profession, an actor by vocation and, as a pastime, an enthusiastic dabbler in local history. The talk will be preceded by the usual full blown English breakfast prepared by the URC Minister, Nigel Douglas. Contact George Mardall if you wish to attend or for further details at 672120 or gmardall@ampersat.co.uk.

Pastoral Team - Starting in January - St Thomas' Pastoral Team will be hosting a monthly breakfast, lunch or afternoon tea. The first one will be a light lunch on Friday 19th from 12-1.30pm at St Thomas House. This is open to anyone; for catering purpose please do let Janet or Narinder if you would like to come along. Thank you. Janet Chambers

House Groups and Link Groups Cheese and Wine Evening - Thursday 21st January 2016 - at St Thomas' Church 7.30-9.30pm. All Welcome and bring someone new. More information very soon. Thank you, Narinder

Dates to note:

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.