

## 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: Keith, Anne and Samuel Smith; Lois, Mark, Freddie and Charlie Simpson

### Community

- We thank God for our witness and opportunities in this community
- For Holtspur School and Holtspur Pre-School and for the changes ahead
- 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 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016**



## **St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur**

*To transform lives through faith in Jesus*

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

### **The Baptism of Christ**

**9.45am Coffee in Church**  
**10.00am 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Special -  
Morning Praise**  
**Lead: Hannah Cartwright**  
**Preacher: Revd Narinder Tegally**

### **Readings**

- **Isaiah 43. 1 - 7 (p. 728)**
- **Luke 3. 15 - 22 (p. 1029)**

*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.*

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### **Collect for The Baptism of Christ**

**Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognize him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen**

**6pm Prayer hour at St Thomas' Church**

## Services and Events for Next Week

### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

8.30am Morning Prayer  
9.15-11.30am Toms Tots in St Thomas Hall

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**

8.30am Morning Prayer  
6-7.30pm WYLDLIFE Youth Club starts tonight at the Beaconsfield Scouts Hut  
8pm Churches Together in Beaconsfield meets in the Fitzwilliams Centre

### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**

9am Morning Prayer  
8.45am-12pm Hope Community Drop-in Café  
3-4.30pm Afternoon Tea at St Thomas House  
7pm Holtspur Youth Club

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>**

#### **The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

9.45am Church Prayer  
10am Holy Communion  
Celebrant and Preacher:  
Revd Narinder Tegally

Readings: 1 Corinthians 12. 1 - 11  
John 2. 1 - 11

3pm Archdeacon Karen Gorham's final service at All Saints High Wycombe – All Welcome

**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.

**Farewell Reception** - Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Jan - There will be a reception after the 10am service at St Mary's this Sunday 10th January for **Alison and Gordon Caw** who are moving away to Waltham Abbey. All are welcome to join us.

**Pastoral Team** - Starting in January – St Thomas' Pastoral Team will be hosting a monthly breakfast, lunch or afternoon tea – the first one will be 'Afternoon Tea' on Friday 15th from 3-4.30pm at St Thomas House. If you would like to come along, please do let Janet or Narinder know for catering purposes. Thank you, Janet Chambers

**Restore Hope Latimer Big Family Celebration** - Saturday 16th January – at 2.30-5pm. Fun worship, live band, competitions, etc. [www.restorehopelatimer.org](http://www.restorehopelatimer.org)

**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

**Film Show** - Saturday 23 January - at 2.30 pm in St Thomas' Hall. We will be showing Out of Africa - everyone welcome! We'd like to serve homemade cakes during the interval so if you are able to provide some cakes, please would you sign the list at the back of the church. Many thanks - they are always appreciated! Social Group

**St Mary's Annual Memorial Service** - Sunday 24th January – at 3.00pm followed by tea in the Fitzwilliams Centre.

#### **Dates to note:**

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



**Wishing a very Happy Birthday to...**  
**Michelle Honiball & Alison Hart**

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 10<sup>th</sup> & Wed 27<sup>th</sup>; **Feb:** Sun 14<sup>th</sup> & Wed 24<sup>th</sup>; **Mar:** Sun 13<sup>th</sup> & Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>; **April:** Sun 10<sup>th</sup> & Wed 27<sup>th</sup>

Join me if you are able for '**Morning Prayer**' on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday at 8.30am in Church.

**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!

Please e-mail your notices to

[debra@stmarysbeaconsfield.org.uk](mailto:debra@stmarysbeaconsfield.org.uk) by **Thursday 12 noon** each week. Many thanks.