

## 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, Ron Petts, Susan Painter and Sheena Young; we remember all those who care for them
- For our church family members: Tracey and Simon Alway, Jess, Liberty, Zachariah and Alanis;Carolynn Croisdale-Appleby; Doreen and Stan Barlow

### Community

- Pray that we may build together God's living community, bound together by love, hope and joy
- For all who live and work in Holtspur and Beaconsfield; for our Fire Services, Ambulance and the local General Practice Surgeries.
- Thank God for our witness and opportunities in this community

### Church

- Pray for strengthening relationships between all the Beaconsfield Churches as we seek to serve our community together in the coming year
- As we discern God's will for the next phase for St Thomas' Church and Community; for the 'Working Group'

### World – Prayer as we look to 2016

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

reveal yourself to those who are suffering,  
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 and your glory.

### 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 31<sup>st</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 Presentation of Christ**

**9.45am Church Prayer**  
**10.00am Holy Communion**  
**Celebrant:**  
**Revd Narinder Tegally**  
**Preacher:**  
**Hannah Cartwright**

#### **Readings**

- **Ezekiel 43. 27, 44. 1 – 4 (p. 876)**
- **Luke 2. 22 - 40 (p. 1028)**

*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 Presentation of Christ**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God. Amen**

## Services and Events for Next Week

### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's  
9am Holy Communion in Fitzwilliam Centre  
7.45pm Steering Group meets at St Thomas House

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>**

8.30am Morning Prayer

### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>**

7pm Holtspur Park Friends 'Bingo and Chili'  
fundraising evening in St Thomas' Hall  
£10 per person please contact:  
helenpoyser1@gmail.com

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Sunday next before Lent**

9.45am Church Prayer  
10am Holy Communion  
Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Kevin Beer

Readings: 2 Cor 3. 12 - 18, 4. 1 - 2  
Luke 9. 28 - 43

6.30pm Healing Service with Holy Communion  
at St Mary's  
Celebrant and Preacher:  
Revd Narinder Tegally

**\*Please Note** - Ash Wednesday Communion Service on  
10<sup>th</sup> Feb will be 7.30pm at St Michael's Church

**Christian Aid 'Count your Blessings' 2016** - Please feel free to pick up a "Count your Blessings" form from the back of church which can be used for daily reflections during Lent (starting 10 Feb). I think you will find it very rewarding to follow the program which is short and simple but impactful, speak to Paul if you have any questions. There are also a few family forms if you would like to do it as a family.

**Bible Study 'Introducing the book of Ezekiel'** - Friday mornings at URC - 10.30am-12pm. 29<sup>th</sup> Jan - Chapter 34, The Lord is my shepherd; 5<sup>th</sup> Feb - Chapter 37:1-14, A valley of the bones; 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - Chapter 38-9, God wins; 19<sup>th</sup> Feb - Chapter 47, A river of living water. All very welcome. For more information contact Revd Nigel Douglas 07714 871505.

**Bingo and Chili** - Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Feb - The Friends Of Holtspur Park invite you to join them for a fun evening of Bingo and Chili at St Thomas Hall, 7pm arrival with "eyes down" at 7.30pm. There will be a Silent Auction, Bar and Delicious Pudding table with all proceeds going to raise funds for our local park. Cost per person is £10 for Chili and Bingo. Please contact Helen at helenpoyser1@gmail.com for any more details. Thank you.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** - Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Feb - At 8pm in the Fitzwilliams Centre. Cost is £10. Contact the parish office at 676690 if you would like to come.

**Mens' Breakfast** - Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Feb - Richard Peters will give a presentation entitled "Why Lighthouse". Please let Paul know if you intend to come.

**Child Bereavement UK Snowdrop Walk** - Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Feb - from 11am-4pm, West Wycombe Park. Further details from 01494 568912 or [www.childbereavementuk.org](http://www.childbereavementuk.org).

**Lent Lunches** - Wednesdays 12.30pm at various churches - First lunch on 17<sup>th</sup> Feb at Free Methodist Shepherds Lane. For more details, and to download list of all activities and events during Lent, go to [www.stmarysbeaconsfield.org.uk](http://www.stmarysbeaconsfield.org.uk).

**Lent Course 'Living in the End Times: Grave Talk and Growing Old'** - Tuesdays starting 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb for 5 weeks - 3pm to 4.30pm in The Fitzwilliams Centre. Contact the parish office at 676690 to sign up.

**'Clean for the Queen'** - Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Mar - At 1pm, organised by The Beaconsfield Society there will be a big clean up of the town centre as part of the 'Clean for the Queen' campaign on the weekend of 4-6 March.

**Pelagos Lenten Quiet Day** - Sat 12<sup>th</sup> March - With Margaret Sentamu at St Thomas. 'Entering God's Rest' 10am-4pm. Cost £25 or £20 if booked by 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. More details at [www.pelagos.co.uk](http://www.pelagos.co.uk) or 07581 675996.

**Newham Barn Dance** - Sat 16 April - NOTE: The venue has been changed from Tylers Green to Hall Barn in Beaconsfield. More details to follow.

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

7 May - RAF Halton Band Concert

Please e-mail your notices to  
[debra@stmarysbeaconsfield.org.uk](mailto:debra@stmarysbeaconsfield.org.uk) by **Thursday 12 noon**  
each week. Many thanks.



**Wishing a very Happy Birthday to...**  
**Janet Chambers & Oosman Tegally**

**Next Phase for St Thomas'** - 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 below)

**Feb: Sunday 14th**  
**Wednesday 24th**  
**Mar: Sunday 13th**  
**Wednesday 23rd**  
**April: Sunday 10th**  
**Wednesday 27th**

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

**Job Vacancy** - Embrace the Middle East are looking for a part-time (4 days a week) Finance Administrator to join their busy finance team. Salary is £21,362 - £22,549 pro rata, depending on experience. Details can be found on their website at [www.embraceme.org/jobs](http://www.embraceme.org/jobs).