

## Prayer and Thanksgiving this week

### People

- Pray for Emily Adam, Sammy Smith, Gareth, Hayley, Sheena Young, Ron Petts, Jenny, Wendy, Fiona Richards, Saheena and Surinder- we remember all those who care for them
- We hold in our prayers Sybil Fry and all the family as they mourn the loss of Roy Fry
- Richard and Catherine Davidson and all the family
- For our church family members: Peter and Mavis Chapman; Hazel Chow; Chris and Mary Cole

### Community

- Pray that we may build together God's living Community, bound together by love, hope and joy
- All who live and work in Holtspur and Beaconsfield
- Thank God for our witness and opportunities in this Community
- For Tom's Tots and Holtspur Youth Club

### Church

- For strengthening relationships between all the Beaconsfield Churches as we seek to serve our community together in the coming year- pray for Churches Together as they meet this week
- For the DCC Group as they meet on Wednesday to we discern God's will for the next phase for St Thomas' Church and Community

### Prayer for *Mothering Sunday*

Gracious God, we thank you for adopting us into your family through the miracle of your grace, and for calling us to be brothers and sisters to each other. Today, loving God, we pray for all mothers, carers and all women who are significant in our lives:

- Who have cared for us when we were helpless
- Who have comforted us when we were hurt
- Whose love and care we often took for granted
- Those who have helped to shape who we are

We remember:

- Those who are grieving the loss of their mother
- Those who have experienced the wonder of an adopted mother's love
- The families separated by war or conflict
- Lord, give them special blessings

Keep us united with you and with each other, so that we can be and become all that we are meant to be.

### Mission – Tansen Hospital

- For the country of Nepal that the new constitution will be completed soon and that there will be peace in the country after the recent unrest and people will accept the new federal boundaries
- For critically ill patients and the staff as wards are full to overflowing
- The New Life Psychiatric Rehab Home needs funding for the daily running of the home – food, utilities, staff, etc.
- Long-term medical personnel is an ongoing need

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**Sunday 6th March 2016**



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

*To transform lives through faith in Jesus*

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

### **The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**9.45am Church Prayer**  
**10.00am All-Age Communion**  
***Mothering Sunday***  
**Preacher: Revd Phil White,**  
**Vicar of Broughton Church and**  
**Aylesbury Deanery Mission Enabler**  
**Celebrant: Revd Narinder Tegally**

#### **Readings**

- **2 Corinthians 5. 16 – 21 (p. 1161)**
- **Luke 15. 1 - 3, 11 – 32 (p. 1048)**

*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 the Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Merciful Lord,**  
**you know our struggle to serve you:**  
**when sin spoils our lives**  
**and overshadows our hearts,**  
**come to our aid**  
**and turn us back to you again;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**6.30pm A Quiet Communion with a Guided  
Meditation and Prayer Ministry at  
St Mary's**

## Services and Events for Next Week

### **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>**

8.30am	Morning Prayer
9.15am	Tom's Tots
2.30pm	Senior Citizens group meets at Kiln Court
3pm	Session 3: Living in the End Times meets in the FWC

### **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

8.30am	Morning Prayer at St Mary's
9am	Holy Communion in Fitzwilliam Centre
10.30am	Service at Kiln Court
12.30pm	Lent lunch at St Michael's Church
1.15pm	Funeral Service of the late Mr. Roy Fry at Chilterns Crematorium Hampden Chapel – All Welcome
7pm	Lent Guided Meditation in St Thomas'
7.45pm	DCC meets at St Thomas' Hall lounge

### **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>**

8.30am	Morning Prayer
6pm	WYLDLIFE Youth Group meets at the Beaconsfield Scout Hut
7.45pm	Bible Study group meets at the Snellings

### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup>**

9am	Morning Prayer
8.45-10.45am	Hope Community Drop-in Café
7pm	Holtspur Youth Club

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

8.30am	Men's Breakfast at URC Old Town
9.30-4pm	Pelagos 'Quiet Lent Day – Entering God's Rest' with Margaret Sentamu at St Thomas'

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

9.45am	Church Prayer
10.00am	<b>Second Sunday Special</b> Start with Coffee Revd Narinder Tegally & Andrew Snelling

Readings:       Philippians 3. 4 - 14  
                      John 12. 1 - 8

6pm	Prayer Hour
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**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)

**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.

**Living in the End Times – Grave Talk and Growing Old** on Tuesdays 8th, 15th and 22nd March 3.00-4.30 p.m. in the Fitzwilliams Centre. Please let Jeremy Brooks know if you wish to attend this course.

**Friends of Holtspur Park** - You may have heard that Tesco's has awarded FOHP £8000 to plant trees at the Park this year. There will be a voting system at all local Tesco stores from 27th February to 6th March which could earn the Park a further £4000 for more tree's. Please could you make every effort to vote for FOHP and get your friends to do the same every time you visit a Tesco Store between these dates.

**Electoral Roll** - Annual revision of the Electoral Roll will take place between 6-27 March. During this period, if you are not already on the list of church members displayed in the church porch, but you attend St Thomas' regularly, we would like to invite you to complete an Application for Enrolment form which is available on the Welcome Table. Please place completed forms in an envelope and leave in the wooden box on the table. In addition, anyone would like to amend their details rf remove their name from the list of members, please contact Chris Jones tel: 676975.

**Kevin and Lesley-Anne Beer** - Kevin's last Sunday in Beaconsfield will be Palm Sunday, March 20th when there will be a Team farewell presentation after the 6.30pm service in St Mary's. If you would like to contribute to a gift for them, please give contributions in to the Narinder, Andrew or Peter.

**Lent Lunches** – Churches Together in Beaconsfield will be hosting simple lunches in Beaconsfield churches on Wednesday lunchtimes throughout Lent. Cost is £3 per person with proceeds to Christian Aid. If you would like to join others from St Thomas' at these lunches, please sign up on the sheets at the back of the church and liaise with each other if you would like to share lifts. Dates are:

Wed 9 Mar	St Michael's Church
Wed 16 Mar	St Teresa's Church
Wed 23 Mar	URC, Aylesbury End

**Unknowning** - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 10am to 4pm at Jordans Quaker Meeting House. See flyer for more details.

**Palm Sunday** – 20<sup>th</sup> March - We are organising lunch for all church members and their families on Palm Sunday and so arrangements for the morning will be slightly different:

10.30 am	Coffee in the church
11.00 am	Service in Church
12.45 pm	Lunch in Church Hall

We encourage everyone to come along - please sign list at back of the church so that we have some idea of numbers attending. There is a separate list to sign if you are able to make a Shepherd's Pie, please (all costs will be reimbursed). Let's make this a great occasion to meet up socially.

**Newham Barn Dance** - Sat 16<sup>th</sup> April at Hall Barn 7-10pm. Tickets Adults £12.50 and Children £6 includes ploughman's supper. Cash bar. Tickets available in the parish office.

**Dates to note** - 7<sup>th</sup> May - RAF Halton Band Concert



**Wishing a very Happy Birthday to...**

**Gill Pearce, Sue Cook,  
Simba Mugadzaweta & Olivia Mugadzaweta**

**Sybil Fry** - We hold in our prayers Sybil and all the family as they mourn the death of Roy Fry. The funeral service will be on Wednesday 9th March at 1.15pm – Hampden Chapel: Chilterns Crematorium.

**Used Postage Stamps** - Once again, we would like to thank all who so kindly collect used stamps for us throughout the year and especially at Christmas. As you know, we save them for REACH, a small charity which supports children, like one of our grand-daughters, born without part of their arms or hands. Jessica, who is now just 13, continues to benefit from their help. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness Margaret & Mike