

Prayer and Thanksgiving this week

People

- Pray for Sammy Smith, Gareth, Hayley, Sheena Young, Ron Petts, Jenny, Wendy, Fiona Richards, Saheena, Surinder and Ray Tincknell - 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
- For our church family members: Brian and Ruth Collins; Paul, Fiona, Emma and Elliot Collins; Nigel and Sue Cook

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 our police, fire and ambulance services

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
- May we experience this Holy Week as a journey into the heart of God through prayer and all that we do
- Steering Group for the 'Way Forward for St Thomas'- Narinder, Ruth Moores, Chris Jones, Fiona Collins, Steve Snaith, Chris Cook and Tony Griffiths

World

Our God who is always ready to forgive and helps us to start anew. In this season of Lent – we ask for your forgiveness for all we have done and left undone. For all the ways that we have knowingly, or unknowingly contributed to creating a world where there are millions of migrants forced out of their own countries, millions of refugees fleeing for safety.

Thousands of street children, millions facing famine and drought, millions more without safe water or shelter or education or medicine. For all the ways we have tolerated intolerance, and fostered hatreds, and promulgated violence. For all the ways we have not cared for your creation and for one another. Help us to show your love, your compassion and be of a generous heart. Amen

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 13th March 2016



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

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

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.45am Church Prayer
10.00am 2nd Sunday Special
Andrew Snelling and
Revd Narinder Tegally

Readings

- **Philippians 3. 4 - 14 (p. 1180)**
- **John 12. 1 – 8 (p. 1079)**

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 Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

6pm Prayer Hour

Services and Events for Next Week

Tuesday 15th

9.15am Tom's Tots
3pm Session 4: Living in the End Times meets in the FWC

Wednesday 16th

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 Teresa's Church

Friday 18th

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

Sunday 20th Palm Sunday

10.30am We start with coffee
10.50am We begin our **Palm Sunday Procession** from the Hall
11am **Holy Communion**
Preacher: Hannah Cartwright
Celebrant: Revd Narinder Tegally

Readings: Philippians 2. 5 - 11
Luke 23. 1 – 49 'The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ'

12.45pm Lunch in the Hall

6.30pm Taize Service at St Mary's followed by presentation to Kevin and Lesley-Anne Beer in the FWC. All are welcome.

Volunteers Needed - Chloe Mutton, our youth worker with Beaconsfield Young Life, is looking for new volunteers. She needs a team of people who are willing to give up a few hours a week to help her out. Please contact Chloe for more details at cmutton@ylinternational.org or 07464 632721.

New advisors for Beaconsfield Advisory Centre - A twelve week course for new advisors will start after Easter. There will be two sessions on benefits, listening skills, housing, legal matters, consumer advice, employment and debt. If you are interested please contact Sylvia on 01753 889384 or srljones@aol.com. To be a new adviser at the Centre only involves 2 - two hour sessions a month.

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

Newham Barn Dance - Sat 16th April at Hall Barn 7-10pm. Tickets adults £12.50 and children £6. Usual stunning ploughman's included and a cash bar. To help with our planning it would be really good if you could ring the parish office or sign the sheet at the back of St Mary's church showing how many tickets you will need. Hope you can make it, a splendid time is guaranteed for all.

Charity Screening 'He Named Me Malala' – Sat 23rd April 7.30pm at the Beacon Centre, in aid of *Food for the Hungry*. Malala was targeted by the Taliban and severely wounded. She miraculously survived and is now a leading campaigner for girls' education globally. We are aiming to establish 20 preschools working with the poorest ethnic minorities in the Godagari region of Bangladesh to increase educational opportunities for children and to help them reach their full potential. The evening will include a short presentation outlining the Food for the Hungry education project in Bangladesh and light refreshments. Tickets are free at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/he-named-memalala-tickets-21633112221>. Or you can ring Ian Johnson on 07527 058396 or email ijohnson@fh.org.

Dates for your diary –

20th Mar: TEAM Farewell for Kevin & Family at St Mary's, Old Town at 6.30pm
25th Mar: Messy Good Friday at 9.15am
27th Mar: Daylight Saving Time starts
16th Apr: Newham Barn Dance at Hall Barn from 7pm
17th Apr: Breakfast in St Thomas' Church Hall
17th Apr: St Thomas' ACM at 11.15am in Church
24th Apr: TEAM APCM at 6.00pm at Fitzwilliam Centre
7th May: RAF Halton Concert
22nd May: Memorial Service and afternoon tea
18th June: Chiltern Concert Band in aid of Wycombe Homeless Connection at St Mary's Church
3rd July: St Thomas Day



Wishing a very Happy Birthday to...

**Harriet Davidson, Margaret Griffiths,
Janey Mugadzaweta & Margaret Higgs**

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 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.

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 if remove their name from the list of members, please contact Chris Jones tel: 676975.

Please e-mail your notices to debra@stmarysbeaconsfield.org.uk by **Thursday 12 noon** each week. Many thanks.