

Prayer and Thanksgiving this week

People

- Pray for Sammy Smith, Gareth, Hayley, Sheena Young, Ron Petts, Jenny, Wendy, Fiona Richards, Brian, Saheena and Surinder; we remember all those who care for them
- We hold in our prayers Anne and Keith as they mourn the loss of Anne's brother Clive
- We give thanks for the safe arrival of Baby Leo , a son for Stephen and Maxine Haynes
- For our church family members: Paul, Janis, Edna, Luke and Lewis Cornelius; Richard, Catherine, Harriet and Isobel Davidson

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, Kiln Court and Senior Citizens Group

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

World

Lord, this Holy Week You went up to Jerusalem to suffer and so enter into your glory -- Bring your Church to the Passover feast of heaven.

You were lifted high on the cross and pierced by the soldier's lance -- Heal our wounds.

You made the cross the tree of life -- Give its fruit to those reborn in baptism.

On the cross you forgave the repentant thief -- Forgive us our sins. We ask you to fill us with your love, strength and bring us to everlasting life. 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

Sunday 20th March 2016



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

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

Palm Sunday

10.15am Church Prayer
10.30am Coffee in Church
**10.50am Palm Sunday procession starts
from the Church**
Preacher: Hannah Cartwright
Celebrant: Revd Narinder Tegally

Readings

- **Philippians 2. 5 - 11 (p. 1179)**
- **Luke 23. 1 - 49 'The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ' (p. 1059)**

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 Palm Sunday

**True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory. Amen.**

12.30pm Lunch in St Thomas Hall

**6.30pm Taize Service at St Mary's followed
by farewell presentation for Kevin
and Lesley-Anne**

Contacts at St Thomas'

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Services and Events for Next Week

Tuesday 22nd

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| 8.30am | Morning Prayer |
| 9.30am | Tom's Tots |
| 2.30pm | Senior Citizens group meets at Kiln Court |
| 3pm | Session 5: Living in the End Times meets in the FWC |

Wednesday 23rd

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| 8.30am | Morning Prayer at St Mary's |
| 9am | Holy Communion in Fitzwilliam Centre |
| 12.30pm | Lent lunch at URC, Aylesbury End |
| 7pm | Lent Guided Meditation and Prayer in St Thomas Church |

Maundy Thursday 24th

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| 8.30am | Morning Prayer |
| 11am | Maundy Thursday Service and blessing of oil at Christchurch Oxford |
| 7.30pm | Quiet Communion with Reflection including Washing of Feet |
| 9-11.30pm | Church will be open for private prayer |

Good Friday 25th

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| 8.30am | Morning Prayer |
| 9.30am | At the foot of the Cross – Service of Reflection and Meditation |
| 9.15am | Team Messy Church at St Mary's |
| 10.45 for 11am | Walk of Witness to the Council Green in Beaconsfield |
| 12pm-3pm | Watch at the Cross at St Mary's |
| 7pm | Holtspur Youth Club |

Holy Saturday 26th

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| 8pm | Lighting of Easter Fire and Renewal of Vows |
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Easter Sunday 27th – Christ is Risen: *Happy Easter*

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| 7am | Team Dawn Service with Holy Communion followed by breakfast |
| 9.45am | Church Prayer |
| 10am | Easter All-Age Communion with Easter Egg hunt followed by coffee and cake in St Thomas House Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Narinder Tegally |
| Readings: | tbc |

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.

Good Friday March of Witness - at 10.45am. We join with Christians across the town to walk in remembrance of Christ's death followed by an act of shared worship on the Council Green. Hope Church, St Teresa's, St Michael's meet at St Teresa's. St Mary's, Aylesbury End URC, Free Methodists meet at the URC. St Thomas' and Holtspur URC meet at Burke's Road car park.

Lent Lunches - Churches Together in Beaconsfield will be hosting simple lunches in Beaconsfield churches on Wednesday lunchtimes throughout Lent, £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. Last date - Wed 23 Mar, URC, Aylesbury End

Team Messy Church - Good Friday - 9.15am at St Michael's Hall. To register email officeatstmicro@gmail.com or ring the office at 01494 676931.

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 –

- 27th Mar: Daylight Saving Time starts
- 16th Apr: Newham Barn Dance at Hall Barn from 7pm
- 17th Apr: St Thomas' ACM at 11.15am in Church
- 24th Apr: TEAM APCM at 6.30pm at St Thomas' Church
- 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...

Tracy Alway, Sammy Smith and Chris Dredge

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: 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.