

Prayer and Thanksgiving this week

People

- Pray for Sammy Smith, Gareth, Hayley, Sheena Young, Ron Petts, Jenny, Wendy, Fiona Richards, Ruth, Brian 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
- For our church family members: Sonia Gray; Kitty Greenwood; Tony & Margaret Griffiths

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 Holtspur Park Friends, Hope Café and Kiln Court

Church

- For strengthening relationships between all the Beaconsfield Churches as we seek to serve our community together in the coming year

World

Lord, Jesus, You have risen to new life!
Give us new eyes with which to recognize
your presence in the world around us.
Sharpen our vision so that we see beyond the
ordinary events of each day and into the
extraordinary reality of your grace.

Brighten our view of the world with renewed
hope in the coming of your Kingdom.
Softener our gaze so that we view others with the
kind of tenderness and compassion you
showed to so many.
May each day of this Easter season provide
glimpses of your glory. Amen.

Mission – Barnabas Fund

"Nothing has been done until now by police and we know
nothing will happen. We go ahead and pray for peace." These
were the words of an Indian Christian in New Delhi, a year
after his church was burned down and police had still not
investigated properly, let alone arrested anyone. There have
been many other attacks on churches in the Indian capital,
with very little response by the police.

Join Indian Christians in praying for peace. Pray also that they
may be given justice. Christians make up less than 1% of the
population of Delhi. Ask the Lord to protect His faithful people
in this city which is the second most populous in the world.

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Sunday 3rd April 2016



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

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

Second Sunday of Easter – Christ is Risen

9.45am Church Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion
Celebrant and Preacher:
Revd Narinder Tegally

Readings

- **Acts 5. 27 - 32 (p. 1097)**
- **John 20. 19 – 30 (p. 1089)**

*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 Second Sunday of Easter

**Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father. Amen.**

**6.30pm Holy Communion with Laying on
Hands and Prayer at St Mary's**
Celebrant and Preacher:
Revd Narinder Tegally

Services and Events for Next Week

Tuesday 5th

8.30am NO Morning Prayer

Wednesday 6th

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

Friday 8th

8.30am Morning Prayer
8.45-12pm Hope Café

Sunday 10th

9.45am **Third Sunday of Easter – Christ is Risen**
10am Church Prayer

Second Sunday Special

Lead: Peter Honiball
Preacher: Paul Cornelius

Readings: Acts 9. 1 - 20
John 21. 1 – 19

6pm Prayer Hour

Next Phase for St Thomas' - Please join us for **'Prayer Hour'** in April on Sunday 10th & Wednesday 27th from 6-7pm at St Thomas Church. Join me if you are able for **'Morning Prayer'** on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday at 8.30am in Church.

Electoral Roll - Please check the 2016 Electoral Roll list in the Church porch to ensure that your details are included; please would you let me know ASAP if there are any corrections/amendments to be made. Chris Jones tel: 676975

Dementia UK Awareness Evening – 7th April 6-8pm at the Beaconsfield Town Hall. RSVP to:

john.read@beaconsfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk or alternatively Marie-claire.holmes@dementiauk.org

Men's Breakfast – Sat 9th Apr - Dick Smith will give a talk entitled "My Grandfather's Part in the Kaiser's Downfall". For catering reasons please let Paul know if you would like to come.

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.

'Free at Last' an evening with Darrill Tunningley – Fri 22nd April 7.30pm – At Hope Church Beaconsfield. Darrell is a former drug dealer, addict and convicted armed robber. While serving five and half years in prison Darrell attended an Alpha Course in HMP Wolds and God broke dramatically into his life. Since his release from prison Darrell has been sharing his story. The event includes a free meal. Please call 01494 675185 if you plan to come.

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.

Beaconsfield Brexit Debate – Thurs 5th May 8pm - As we have done for General Elections, Churches Together in Beaconsfield has organised a debate on the Referendum. This will take place at the Beaconsfield School - so make sure you make your Ascension Day observances early! There will be speakers, including our MP Dominic Grieve, for and against remaining in Europe and the opportunity to ask questions. We would like you to register your intention to be there by going to <https://beaconsfieldbrexitdebate.wordpress.com/> or letting Jeremy Brooks know on 01494 676690. You can also submit a question to be put on the evening at the website.

More Music for Flying – Sat 7th May 7.30pm - Following last year's successful concert, the RAF Halton Area Band will be performing a new and eclectic mix of music styles here in St Thomas' Church. Interval refreshments will be available. Donations for Mission Aviation Fellowship will be welcomed. Tel: Ruth Moores 01494 673167 for tickets. If you are able to help on the day with any of the preparations in the Church and the Hall: organising the tea for the Band; can offer some "nice nibbles" for the interval; offer any raffle prizes; be welcoming stewardsmany hands are needed. If you can help please email Ruth - mooresfamily@btinternet.com Thank you!

Dates for your diary –

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

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