

Prayer and Thanksgiving this week

People

- Pray for Catherine Collins, Sammy Smith, Gareth, Hayley, Sheena Young, Ron Petts, Wendy, Ruth, Brian, Rudi, Surinder and Jennifer; we remember all those who care for them.
- For our church family members: Maria Njenja, Rose Nyamu, Yvonne Mwiti and Max Mwiti; Catherine and Richard Orton

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—for our Fire Services, Ambulance and all local businesses.
- Thank God for our witness and opportunities in this Community.
- Holtspur School, Holtspur Pre-school and Tom's Tots

Church

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

World

"I pray not only for them, but also for those who believe in me because of their message. I pray that they may all be one. Father! May they be in us, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they be one, so that the world will believe that you sent me."
John 17. 20 - 21

Mission – Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)

During the month of May we are praying for Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) who fly light aircraft to remote places in 25 developing countries worldwide. Pray for safe flying in testing conditions of heat, humidity and difficult airstrips.

Give thanks for the renewed interest in flights in Kenya to the Kakuma refugee camp, and for the Kenyan churches that have started to use MAF to expand their ministry among marginalised people. Pray for strengthened relationships with our ministry partners and for opportunities to serve additional missions and NGOs.

In South Sudan a mother has a 1 in 7 chance of dying from pregnancy related causes. The Deploying Midwives project funded by the UN is strengthening midwifery services. MAF is helping by flying the midwives to and from the remote locations such as Kajo Keji. Give thanks for the reduction maternal deaths and safer deliveries.

Due to a prolonged drought in Papua New Guinea, there are food shortages. Pray that MAF will be able to respond to the requests to deliver emergency food aid where it is most needed.

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Sunday 8th May 2016



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Alleluia, Christ is Risen

9.45am Church Prayer
10.00am Second Sunday Special
Lead: Narinder and Alison

Readings

- **Acts 16. 16 – 34 (p. 1112)**
- **John 17. 20 – 26 (p. 1085)**

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 Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and
compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

6pm Prayer Hour

Services and Events for Next Week

Tuesday 10th

8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Tom's Tots in St Thomas Hall

Wednesday 11th

8.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
9am Holy Communion in Fitzwilliam Centre
10.30am Monthly Service at Kiln Court
7.45pm DCC meets at St Thomas House
8pm The Voice of the Prophet: Accepting Evangelicals – Jayne Ozanne at St Marys' Church

Thursday 12th

8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holtspur School
6.30pm WYLDLIFE Youth Group meets at The Curzon Centre
7.45pm Bible Study Group meets at the 'Snelling' home

Friday 13th

8.30am Morning Prayer
8.45-10.45am Hope Café
7pm Holtspur Youth Club

Saturday 14th

8.30am Men's Breakfast at the Old Town URC

Sun 15th Pentecost Sunday

9.45am Church Prayer
10am **All – Age Communion**
Celebrate: Revd Narinder Tegally
Readings: Acts 2. 1 - 21
John 14. 8 - 17, 25 - 27
12noon Narinder at St Mary's – Baptisms
4-6pm Pentecost Messy Church at St Thomas' Church

The Summer Lecture Series 2016 begins 11th May with speaker Jayne Ozanne, Patron on *Accepting Evangelicals*. All lectures start at 8pm. Tickets £5 (includes complimentary refreshments) payable at the door. More details at www.stmarysbeaconsfield.org.uk

Men's Breakfast URC - Saturday 14th May, 8.30am when Fr Henry Sanni will give a talk on his experiences of ministry in Nigeria, USA and the UK. Please let Paul know if you will be attending/likely to assist the catering team.

Plant Sale – Sun 15th May - If you're braving this erratic weather in your garden, please think of the Plant Stand at the Summer Fair this coming Sunday as we'd be very grateful for any contribution to the stall. This year promises to be the biggest Plant Stall offering yet; we have recruited a couple more grandparents to join the team of dedicated growers, so please come and have a look at the fantastic range of plants on offer at a fraction of the price you'd pay at a garden centre. All proceeds to Holtspur School PTA.

YL Quiz Night – Fri 20th May – 6.45 for 7pm at St Thomas Hall. Tables of 8 at £15 per person, includes dinner and soft drinks. Tickets from Chloe Mutton at: cmutton@ylinternational.org in aid of Young Life.

Wycombe Homeless Connection fund raiser – Sat 21st May – At Davenies School. Evening with a disco, auction, buffet and fancy dress. Ticket £25.

Contact morleyfamily1039@aol.com if you would like to attend.

Memorial Service – Sun 22nd May – 3.30pm at St Thomas Church. You are all invited to this service to remember those we love but see no longer, it will be followed by afternoon tea. If you would like a loved one remembered by name in the service, please write their name on the list at the back of the church.

If you are aware of friends and neighbours whom you wish to invite to the service, there are a number of invitation letters at the back of the church. Thank you Narinder

Chiltern Concert Band – Sat 18th June – 7.30pm at St Mary's Church. In aid of Wycombe Homeless Connection - a Wycombe based band playing for a Wycombe based charity. Tickets £15 adults and £10 children, to include interval refreshments. Tickets available in the parish office.

Dates for your diary –

11th May: Summer Lecture Series at 8pm in St Mary's
22nd May: Memorial Service followed by afternoon tea
25th May: Summer Lecture Series at 8pm in St Mary's
8th June: Summer Lecture Series at 8pm in St Mary's
18th June: Chiltern Concert Band in aid of Wycombe Homeless Connection at St Mary's Church
22nd June: Summer Lecture Series at 8pm in St Mary's
3rd July: St Thomas Day
6th July: Summer Lecture Series at 8pm in St Mary's

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



Wishing a very Happy Birthday to...

Alison Peters

Next Phase for St Thomas' - Please join us for '**Prayer Hour**' 2nd Sun or 4th Wed of each month from 6-7pm at St Thomas Church. Join us if you are able for '**Morning Prayer**' on Tues, Thurs or Fri at 8.30am in Church.

Volunteers needed - If anyone would like to help cater for the young people's group on a Monday evening organised by Young Life at Hope Church, please speak to Jeremy Brooks. It will involve buying and preparing food about once a month for up to 20 youngsters and then washing up. They eat about 6.30pm.