

Prayer and Thanksgiving this week

People

- Pray for Catherine Collins, Sammy Smith, Ron Petts, Ruth and Brian; we remember all those who care for them.
- For our church family members: Ise Rankin; Adele Rawlinson, Frank Daris, Aoife-Rose, Kian; Peter Read

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

'Holy, holy, holy God, fill us with strength and courage, with discernment and compassion, that we may be your instruments of justice and love in this world, that it may be on earth as it is in heaven. Amen'

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 22nd May 2016



St. Thomas' Church, Holtspur

To transform lives through faith in Jesus

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

Trinity Sunday

9.45am Church Prayer
10.00am Morning Praise
Lead and Preacher:
Revd Narinder Tegally

Readings

- **Romans 5. 1 - 5 (p. 1132)**
- **John 16. 12 - 15 (p. 1084)**

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 Trinity Sunday

**Holy God, faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your
truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery
of your love, that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

12pm BBQ at St Mary's FWC Garden

**3.30pm A Service of Thanksgiving and
Remembrance at St Thomas'
followed by afternoon tea**

Services and Events for Next Week

Tuesday 24th

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

Wednesday 25th

8.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
9am Holy Communion in Fitzwilliam Centre
9.30am Safeguarding Training at Christchurch, Flackwell Heath
7.30pm BAC re-dedication Church Service at URC, Crabtree Close led by Revd Cathy Smith
8pm 2016 Summer Lecture Series at St Mary's with Krish Kandiah
8pm Deanery Synod Marys' Parish Church, Amersham

Thursday 26th

8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holtspur School
6.30pm WYLDLIFE Youth Group meets at The Curzon Centre

Friday 27th

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

Sun 29th

9.45am Church Prayer
10am **Holy Communion with Prayer Ministry**
Celebrant: Revd Narinder Tegally
Preacher: Hazel Chow

Readings: Galatians 1. 1 - 12
Luke 7. 1 - 10

Survey Time - As you are aware, St Thomas' will be conducting surveys to find out how satisfied Church members and local residents are with the provision of services and what is lacking in Holtspur. The survey is an exciting opportunity to engage with the community we serve and is the first stage in an appraisal of our buildings. Please help by completing the survey for church members and the one for community members. In answering the questions you will be helping us to find out our heart for outreach into the community of Holtspur and to help shape our thinking for future opportunities for our buildings and the activities we should be running.

The online survey for Church members can be accessed using this link: <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/holtspur-stthomas>

The wider community survey can be accessed at: <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/holtspurforyou>

Both surveys will only take a few minutes to complete. Paper copies will be available in church for those who do not have access to a computer, but we would be grateful if you would complete the surveys online if at all possible. Those using email should have already received this information. Many thanks for your help with this - your opinion matters and is important to us! Chris Jones.

Thank you - to everyone who helped in any way with the RAF Halton Band Concert on 7 May, and for the donations. Including the Gift Aid that will be reclaimed, Mission Aviation Fellowship will benefit by over £1,850 which will assist in delivering hope, help and healing to those in remote places in the world. Ruth Moores

Engage - A youth club for 6 - 11 year olds at the Curzon Centre, Maxwell Road 5.30-7.30 p.m. Friday term times. See www.hopebeaconsfield.co.uk for information.

Lighthouse 2016 - The dates for Lighthouse this year are 25th to 29th July at the Beaconsfield School. If you want to find out more about it, then check out this YouTube clip at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TDL3JSEq-MY>

If you want to register as a helper, go to:

<http://www.lighthouseadmin.org/index.php/component/rsform/form/18-lighthouse-and-fresh-cafe-leader-registration>

Lighthouse signup for children is now open! Adult volunteers still needed too. Go to the website at www.lighthouseadmin.org to sign up.

2016 Summer Lecture Series - Wed 25th 8pm at St Mary's with Krish Kandiah 'Home for Good'. Krish will be speaking about the church's role in fostering and adoption. Krish has been very involved in discussions concerning the Syrian refugee children who have come into Europe. Join us for a fascinating and moving talk. Cost: £5. Refreshments included.

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 -

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...
Helen Buchanan**

Next Phase for St Thomas' - Please join us for the 'Prayer Hour' 2nd Sun of each month from 6-7pm, likewise Morning Prayer on Tues, Thur and Fri at 8.30am at St Thomas Church.

Christian Aid Week 15th to 22nd May - This year we have decided not to organise a door to door street collection for St Thomas for Christian Aid week. Instead, we will do a collection in church on the 22nd May. There will be Christian Aid envelopes this week and on the 22nd May for you to make your donation. Please bring your envelopes back by 22nd. Thank you

Church Office Administrator for St Thomas' Church - Are you looking for a part-time job with flexible hours (5 hours a week)? St Thomas' Church, Holtspur needs a capable, reliable administrator to help with general duties in the church office. For details, see the link: www.stthomasbeaconsfield.org.uk or contact the Reverend Narinder Tegally either by e-mail narindertegally@btinternet.com or by phone (01494 670460). If you are interested, please send your CV to narindertegally@btinternet.com by Monday 6th June.