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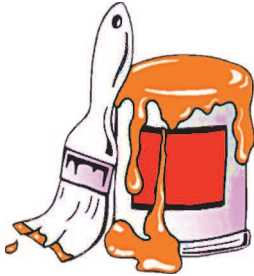
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Dear Friends

Happy New Year!

When you read this, Christmas and New Year Celebrations will, for the most part be over. For the church, Christmas preparation began on Advent Sunday, the 3rd December. We thought about the events that led up to the birth of Jesus and then we turned our thoughts to His second coming at the end of the age. At each of the four Advent services a candle was lit on the Advent wreath representing Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. On Christmas day the central candle was lit, representing Jesus the Light of the World, who came to us all bringing those precious gifts that money can't buy.

And now in January with Epiphany and the story of the wise men visiting the child Jesus, we end the church's Christmas season and move into a new year. The powerful symbolism of light in a dark world is particularly poignant at this, the darkest and dreariest time of the year. It's back to work, back to school, back to the grind, back to the diet, back to depressing news reports, back to all the problems we had before Christmas. Nothing has changed, AND YET EVERYTHING HAS CHANGED! The first Christmas changed everything; it changed the course of history! The Light of Christ can shine in our hearts the whole year round if we desire it. We can know that God loves us and is with us, even in the most desolate places. How can we know this? In the words of the carol *In the bleak midwinter*, - "If I were a wise man, I would do my part, yet what I can I give him - give him my heart."

At the beginning of this New Year, let's make a resolution to allow God to flood our hearts with his light and truth.

Jesus said, "You are the world's light - a city on a hill, glowing in the night for all to see. Don't hide your light! Let it shine for all; let your good deeds glow for all to see, so that they will praise your heavenly Father." (*Matthew 5:14-16 The Living Bible*)

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine in our hearts, and transform our lives, to bring his light to others this New Year and always. Amen

*Rev Vanda Hawkes*

# PARISH NEWS

## A New Year's Challenge

When we're young time goes so slow  
But as we age time seems to fly,  
Some things we should not leave undone  
And think we'll do them by and bye.

The New Year now has shown its face  
And once again we're given time  
To speak about God's saving grace  
And share the news of Love divine.

A harvest waits, the fields are ripe  
So many still to hear the call,  
Can we be part of heaven's plan?  
The Father waits to welcome all.

*By Megan Carter*

### St Nick's Flicks

#### Tuesday 16th January

at St Nicholas Church  
1.45pm for 2pm start  
Refreshments available  
*All welcome*



## CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Many thanks to all the organisers and helpers at the Christmas Fayre. A total of more than £1,000 was raised for church funds.

Also thanks to the chefs and kitchen team for the Christmas Lunch enjoyed by about 80 people.

**Cover: A Winter Scene**

## BEDHAMPTON CALENDAR

### 2018



The 2018 Parish Calendar is now available to purchase for £5, as are the packs of 6 assorted Christmas cards for £3.50. The large single Christmas card of St Thomas' in the snow is still available at £1.

2 different packs of 6 all occasion cards (12 pictures in all) of the flower arrangements at St Thomas' at £3.50 each.

All are available from the Parish Office or contact Jean O'Farrell on 023 9283 3284.

**Why not take some local photos for next year's Bedhampton calendar ?**



## FAMILY NEWS

Several Birthdays to celebrate this month.

Happy Birthday wishes to the three Anns –

**Ann Nellthorpe, Ann Partridge and Ann Slade;** also to **Pat Jay.** We send our love and best wishes to **Stella Harris** for her **80th Birthday.**

Many congratulations to **Jean Hildersley** who reaches her **90th Birthday.**

For December, belated birthday wishes to Allan Thompson and Peter Coe.



## Week of Christian Prayer for Christian Unity Havant Churches Together

Traditionally, the Week of Christian Prayer for 2018 is the 18th to 25th January but the Havant Churches Together have decided to start the week on Sunday 14th January with a celebration service at St. Joseph's, West Street, Havant at 4pm. The daily service will start on Monday 15th January **at noon** and the list is as follows –

Monday 15th January St. Faith's Church, Havant  
Tuesday 16th January St. Alban's Church, West Leigh  
Wednesday 17th January St. Thomas's Church, Bedhampton  
Thursday 18th January Havant Methodist Church  
Friday 19th January St. John's Church, Rowlands Castle  
Saturday 20th January RCCG (The Redeemed Christian Church of God)  
at The Pallant Centre, St Faith's Church House, Havant.



### To all people who like to pray

The date for the next 'Pause and Pray' gathering is:

**Monday 8th January from 6 to 7pm**  
at **St Thomas Church, Bedhampton**

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### *Come and Sing events*

SATURDAY 6th JANUARY, 7.00pm

**Portsmouth Choral Union**

*Haydn: Nelson Mass*

Emsworth Baptist Church

SATURDAY 10th FEBRUARY, 10.30am

**Portsmouth Festival Choir**

*Palestrina: Missa Brevis*

St Thomas's Church, Bedhampton

#### *Organ Recitals*

MONDAY 15th JANUARY, 1.00pm

**Richard Dewland**

Holy Trinity Church, Gosport

FRIDAY 26th JANUARY, **8.00pm**

**Adrian Lucas**

Portsmouth Anglican Cathedral



### ANTHONY WHITTLE

Anthony Henry Whittle, Tony as he was known to many, was born on 26 May 1935 at Havant to Ellen and Geoffrey. Sadly his father died suddenly when Anthony was just 5 years old and from then on he lived with just his mother in the family home in Hulbert Road, Bedhampton.

He kept strong links with his father's family, his cousins and aunt. For schooling he boarded at Lord Wandsworth College at Hook, followed by two years National Service in the army.

He joined the Southdown Bus Company, in the Portsmouth depot in 1957 before spending time at Head Office in Brighton. He was appointed Private Hire Manager at Chichester (including Bognor) and stayed in this job until early retirement in the late 1980s. He kept busy by doing odd gardening jobs, and generally helping friends from church with shopping and lifts when needed.

He continued to live with his mother until she passed away in 1980. The large garden in Hulbert Road with its magnificent collection of raspberry bushes kept him busy but after some years on his own he found the house too much to cope with and managed to secure an apartment he liked at Norfolk House, where he lived for the rest of his life.

Whilst there he joined in various social events, such as Bingo and Quiz Evenings, and was quite successful in the football pools every Saturday. Latterly he helped in the running of events, the Tuesday coffee mornings and the Wednesday evening fish and chip suppers. He had a great love of country music and enjoyed listening to CDs and country music programmes on the radio. He also had a keen interest in sport, particularly cricket and football, observing with some dismay the steady decline of Portsmouth FC from the all-conquering team he remembered in his youth.

Tony has been described as a very private person. He was certainly not one to talk a great deal about himself or his interests. He continued his keen interest in buses. He regularly read the Daily Telegraph and always turned straight to the puzzles, especially the codewords, cryptic crosswords and sudokus which he completed very quickly!

Tony was very much an old fashioned gentleman, dignified and caring. He held a deep Christian belief. He and his mother have had a long connection with St. Thomas Church where he was a steward and regular reader at the morning service. He was hugely liked and respected by fellow parishioners.

His death, being unexpected, came as a shock to us all and we will miss his warm welcome and friendly smile.

*Adapted from the Eulogy by Chris Lock, cousin*



### Summer Show 2018: “Be Prepared”

‘Yes’, the Show Committee has already started work on next year’s event. It will be hard to beat the great atmosphere and community spirit generated this July on such a suitable day for weather. The morning clouds discouraged beach visits and the afternoon sun blessed the proceedings. Let’s hope for similar circumstances this coming year. Thanks to all who helped in any way raising £5,000 of much needed funds.

It may seem early to think about donations for this summer but we have storage available, or will find it! So, please get in touch if you come across anything you think might be suitable, (bric a brac, household, toys, jewellery, accessories, bottles, unwanted gifts), when you are having a sort out. Also, if you are making jams, marmalade or preserves, perhaps an extra batch could be put aside? Cakes and/or biscuits that might store or freeze until the day might be something else that will always be very welcome.

We are delighted to be able to attract sponsorship and programme advertisements from local companies and support from our local MP. It seems that more and more companies are looking to support the volunteer efforts of their employees (team building days, matched funding for charitable efforts, gifts for fundraising activities and so on). In the past they may have simply made a donation to the raffle but are now keen to do more. Your employer might be one of these. Please ask? You are in the best position to do this. We would be very keen to hear the outcome and will follow it up if appropriate.

The Show has grown into a big event and this takes a lot of organising, particularly as it gets ever closer. The more our supporters, especially stall holders, can ease this burden by making early commitments, gathering together any support teams (family, neighbours, friends,) the better for all. Getting involved is so rewarding in many ways. We would welcome more committee members to share the varied tasks and bring fresh ideas.

We are always keen to have feedback and hear of ideas for the Show. Your children and grandchildren may belong to a local dance troupe, baton twirlers, gym club or similar that could provide an arena display. If so, please let us have the contact details of organiser(s).

Thank you again.

*Chris Miller, Chairperson, Show Committee. Tel: 023 9248 1361.*



### FLOWER ARRANGING

More years ago than I can remember, the late Iris Burrows asked if I could help her with flower arrangements at St. Thomas' due to one of her group moving away from Bedhampton. Maggie Bishop took over organising the flowers and rota when Iris stepped down and we are still arranging flowers together today with Sue Montgomery, who now runs the show.

However, time catches up and regrettably I will have to hang up my flower scissors soon, having experienced happy occasions arranging wedding flowers, sad ones for funerals and decades of Advent wreaths.

There was no heating in the church way back, so in the hard winters we had to chip the ice from around the old flowers to remove them from the containers before we could start the fresh arrangements. We even had to cheat some weeks with artificial flowers - but very rarely.

Thank you Maggie and Sue and not forgetting Iris. I have enjoyed my Friday sessions with you.

This almost-90-year-old has many happy memories.

*Judy Harris*



*Iris Burrows on her 90th birthday*



### ADVENT ALTAR

A new altar frontal and hangings in purple have been dedicated to the memory of Iris Burrows. They will feature during the months of December and February and March for the seasons of Advent and Lent.





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There will be items on display at both Churches.

*Ann Partridge*

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### MUSIC AT ST THOMAS'

Nina Rideout and Derek Hasted formed a classical guitar duet partnership in August this year and performed their first full concert at St Thomas' Church on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November. The audience enjoyed an informal recital of music from across the centuries and across the globe, with added 'percussion' from a nearby fireworks display. Proceeds from the raffle raised £50 for church funds.

### COME & SING at ST THOMAS . . .

**Palestrina's Missa Brevis** with Portsmouth Festival Choir on Saturday 10th February at 10.30am. Tickets £15, for music and refreshments.



## FAREWELL TO DAVID & BOBBIE

A special service of Thanksgiving was held for Rev David Proud and his wife Bobbie as they prepare for retirement. The service at St Thomas was led by Rev Peter Law who paid tribute to David and his ministry with us.



The service was followed by a buffet lunch at St Nicholas Church where a cake was cut and presentations made.





# YOUTH ACTIVITIES

## 1st Bedhampton Scout Group



In November, 6 Cubs 7 Leaders/Helpers/Parents (TQ) and 1 dog went for a winter walk with a difference. As well as finding a multi-phase Geocache using a GPS the Cubs went out along an ancient Roman causeway to the centre of Langstone harbour where the photo below was taken. Active Adventure in Action.

Unfortunately the Beaver and Cub Fireworks party had to be cancelled for the first time in over 15 years as the weather forced us to relocate to the hall for games, sparklers and burgers. The evening finished with the grand(ish) finale of two small fireworks. We are going to use the fireworks in a special joint Beaver/Cub Christmas party. The Scouts went to a staged event where the weather was fine.

Scouts and explorers did 'speed dating' on their promise and law to show who keeps theirs best - one or 2 had a very full dance card!!!

The whole group took part in the Remembrance Sunday parade in Havant, along with other organisations and the general public.

Finally for the first time in many years one of our Scouts has been successful in application to attend the World Scout Jamboree, and as an extra bonus, another Scout has been successful in application to an international expedition to Uganda.

Congratulations to them both.

*Nigel Vosper*

Group Administrator and  
Assistant Cub Scout Leader

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## Guides Summer Camp

WOW! My first Guide camp experience was amazing. It was so much fun because we all got to learn new skills for later on in life. Every day we would cook our dinner and play games at night.

My favourite day was when we went to Fairthorne Manor. The activities we took

part in were Crate Challenge, Team Building and Archery. We also had lunch in the canteen. I also got to know everyone better which was good as well. On one of the nights, we played the game where we had to go Fairy Hunting and not get caught. I can't wait to go on my next Guide camp and would recommend this to every Girl Guide.



Ella Slape (11)

1<sup>st</sup> Bedhampton Guides

1<sup>st</sup> Bedhampton Guide Camp 2017 will be something that I will never forget. The theme was 'Disney' and I started preparing back in June, making Minnie Mouse Ears and a Patrol flag. The two Patrols were 'Minnie Mouse' and 'Little Mermaid'. I felt that camp this year had a nice positive atmosphere. There were times when it was tough but it wouldn't be camp if there weren't a few hurdles. We all managed to overcome these together.

The activity day on Wednesday at Fairthorne Manor was brilliant, with the additional bonus of it being my birthday. It was such a fun, enthusiastic day out with everyone cheering on each other to do better and the team challenge, where we were all blindfolded, made us trust one another and work as a team. The activities at camp were fun and I hope I can do the whole experience again. I would like to recommend Guide camp to any Guide who hasn't been as you don't know what you are missing. I can't thank Alison, Kate, Lyndsay, Jenny, Mhari, Jennie and Lucy enough for making camp a special one. It was such a relaxed, peaceful experience.



Chloe Reynolds (15)

1<sup>st</sup> Bedhampton Guides



# PUZZLE PAGE

## Wordsearch

## The Wise Men



The story of the coming of the Magi grew in the telling. By the 6th century they had acquired names: Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. By medieval times they were considered to be kings. Whoever they were, they brought three gifts to Jesus. Gold was a gift given to kings. Frankincense was used in the Temple during the worship of God. Myrrh was a spice that the ancients used in preparing bodies for burial. So the Wise Men thus honoured Jesus with gold because he was King of the Jews, with frankincense because he was to be worshipped as divine; and with myrrh, because he would also become a sacrifice and die for his people.

The Wise Men were the very first gentiles ever to worship Jesus. What faith they had! They travelled for months over difficult terrain, they never saw any evidence of Jesus' kingship, His divinity or His sacrificial death. They worshipped Him through faith in God's promises about Him. Isaiah foresaw this response to Jesus: 'Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.' The Magi's eyes of faith saw clearly and far into the future.

magi	worship
Gaspar	sacrifice
Melchior	die
Balthasar	people
Three	gentiles

gifts	faith
gold	terrain
frankincense	promises
myrrh	Isaiah
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Answers next month

### DECEMBER WORDSEARCH SOLUTION

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Our meeting in November was a games afternoon. Games, which some of us had not played for many years, were placed on the tables and each table took it in turns to play a game. Games on offer were Jenga, Happy Families, Pooh Sticks and Dominoes. A lot of laughter was generated by the playing of these games although there were no prizes!! There was also a quiz which could be completed during the course of the afternoon.

We also had a visit from our Diocesan representative who came to thank anyone who had participated in the project of knitting very small items and blankets for the Q.A. premature baby unit. Barbara is our champion knitter on this project having turned out a huge quantity. She can knit and watch TV or listen to things at the same time, whereas I have to watch every stitch I knit; I can't even talk which is a first, hence I have never progressed in knitting as talking won!

We had tea, mince pies and biscuits, and plenty of chatting went on during the tea break.



Everyone likes these afternoons spent in chatting and entertaining ourselves such as playing games and particularly going wrong, jumping a turn or dropping items on the floor. Plus the murmur of "Have you got Mrs Bun the Baker's wife?" or "You have laid a blank down instead of a six," etc, or "Oh no, you have joggled the table," as the sticks or blocks collapsed. All said in fun of course. Ann gave out the new families first magazines and the date for our Christmas meal at the Castle Inn, Rowlands Castle. Our January meeting will be the Annual General Meeting plus discussion on the programmes which Ann handed out. We held in our thoughts those members not able to join us and were particularly pleased Mavis could participate to-day. Ann also thanked all those who had helped with the Coffee Morning.

The meeting finished with the grace as usual.

*Marion Machell*

### **News from The Manor Trust**

The Trust is pleased to announce the appointment of two new trustees, Mike Case and Graeme Loten.

Mrs Paula Humby has been appointed as Trust Manager, a role created to manage aspects of the running of the charity.

# COMMUNITY

## MOTHERS' UNION JANUARY

3rd HOLY COMMUNION &  
HEALING PRAYER  
9.30 am *St Nicholas*

23rd Tuesday 2.00pm  
A.G.M. & Afternoon Tea  
2.00 pm *St Nicholas*

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### Story Teller

*Janet Goring*

*St Nicholas Church*

*All welcome*





*From the Parish Registers*

**THANKSGIVINGS**

*We give thanks for*  
Edison May  
Sophie Froud

**Congratulations to Ann Partridge** on her appointment as Church Warden.

**MAGAZINE 2018**

After holding the price of the magazine for more than 5 years, we announce a small increase to 50p per issue or £5.00 for a one year subscription.

We would like to wish all our readers a very Happy New Year.

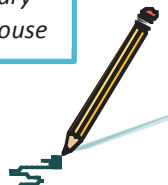


**DATES FOR YOUR JANUARY DIARY**

Monday 8th: Pause and Pray at St Thomas at 6pm  
Tuesday 9th: Coffee Morning with Books 10 -12 noon at The Elms  
Tuesday 16th: St Nicks Flicks, 1.45pm  
Monday 22nd: Poetry Group, 2pm at Bidbury House.

**THE POETRY GROUP**

*will meet on*  
*Monday 22nd January*  
*2.00pm at Bidbury House*



**FEBRUARY 2018**  
Magazine

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## Services for JANUARY

### SUNDAY 7th

St Thomas 8.00 am  
*St Nicholas* 9.30 am  
St Thomas 11.00 am  
St Thomas 4.00 pm

### ( Baptism of Christ )

Holy Communion 1662  
*Morning Worship*  
Morning Prayer  
Compline

### SUNDAY 14th

St Thomas 8.00 am  
*St Nicholas* 9.30 am  
St Thomas 11.00 am  
**St Joseph's** 4.00 pm

### ( Epiphany 2 )

Holy Communion  
*Morning Worship*  
Holy Communion  
Week of Prayer Service

### SUNDAY 21st

St Thomas 8.00 am  
*St Nicholas* 9.30 am  
St Thomas 11.00 am  
St Thomas 4.00 pm

### ( Epiphany 3, Mission Sunday )

Holy Communion  
*Holy Communion*  
Morning Prayer  
Celtic Evening Prayer

### SUNDAY 28th

St Thomas 8.00 am  
*St Nicholas* 9.30 am  
St Thomas 11.00 am

### ( Epiphany 4 )

Holy Communion 1662  
*Morning Worship*  
Morning Prayer

## MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

### Wednesday 3rd

*St Nicholas* 9.30 am Holy Communion

### Wednesday 10th

St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion

### Wednesday 17th

St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion

### Wednesday 24th

St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion

### Wednesday 31st

St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion

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