

Sunday 26th April 2020

The Third Sunday of Easter - Who Is Jesus?

Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Rector's Reflection

Ruth Smith

With sadness we announce the death of Ruth Smith, wife of former Rector Norman Smith. They served in the parish between 1963-1981.

I never actually knew Norman or Ruth and yet I am grateful for their commitment to ministry. It takes a team to commit to a journey of ministry and even though I never knew either of them I am sure Ruth was just as key to Norman's ministry as he was. It was Norman who baptised me at St Thomas' as a toddler and unbeknown to me set me on that path towards answering the question who do you say Jesus is? When our journey comes to an end and we stand in front of our Lord the questions we will be asked will not be, how big was your house? How much money did you have? What holidays did you enjoy? I suspect the questions will be around the subject matter of how did you love people? When did you feed the poor? Which strangers did you welcome and clothe? Who do you say Jesus is? As we explore that last question this week I am thankful for Norman and Ruth taking the time to set me on that journey to discover the answer for myself.

Online Services This Sunday

Please note these details were correct at time of publication.
All services remain available online after the initial broadcast.

Bedhampton Sunday Worship - Available From 8am

Readings: Psalm 72 and Matthew 16:13-20

www.Bedhampton.church/worship

A service led by members of our Church family and a guest speaker.

St Thomas' Tradition – 9.00am Portsmouth Cathedral

www.facebook.com/portsmouthcathedral

Every Sunday, as well as weekday morning and evening prayer.

St Nicholas' Tradition - 9.30am Holy Trinity Brompton

www.htb.org/sundayonline Home of the Alpha course.

This Week

Holy Communion

A short communion service led by Max for you to follow along with is always available at: www.Bedhampton.church/communion

Discussion Group Video

Visit www.Bedhampton.church/alpha to watch the discussion video and contact Max to join in Wednesday nights online discussion group.

Please Pray For

Ray Beaney, Myra Beard; Chris Deacon; Rebecca Delmar-Morgan; Iain Fairley; Sarah Gazey; Canon Karina Green; Charlie Harckham; Jess; Joe; Gerri; Gisela; Margaret & Brian Medway; David Milligan; Marilyn and Bernard Mist; Amelia Norman; Peter Slade; Bernard Stanley; Wendy Wilbraham; Saskia; Shaun.

The families of those who have recently died:

Ruth Smith; Margaret Hobbs; Brian Kay; George Gadsby; Cyril Cowan.

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News

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

All services and meetings remain on hold until further notice. The office phone number and Hello@Bedhampton.church email remain in use. The facebook page and web site are other great ways to keep in touch.

Food Bank

Drop some supplies in the Food Bank bins at Asda, Tesco, and Waitrose. Alternatively drop off some food on your daily exercise to The Rectory, Bidbury Lane. Place a plastic bag in the black box at the front door.

Giving

Thank you all those who continue to give to the work of God in Bedhampton. If you normally give via envelopes or the plate please continue to do this at home and place them in the collection when we are able to meet together.

New Series

This Sunday we begin our new series in our streamed services. Based on the excellent Alpha material we will look at the foundations of our faith. Then on Wednesday nights Max will host a discussion forum where you can ask questions and reflect on the talk and accompanying video. If you would like to be part of that discussion email or phone Max to get access to the online group. www.Bedhampton.church/alpha is the place for more details.

DVD Church At Home Services

If watching the streamed services online is all a bit beyond you then do not fear help is at hand. We are able to deliver DVD copies of the service for you to play on your DVD player and television. These will be delivered the week after the initial broadcast. Contact Max to request this service.

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