

Sunday 10th May 2020

The Fifth Sunday of Easter - How Can I Have Faith?

Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Rector's Reflection

How can we have faith at a time like now? We have been on a bit of a journey with our faith and I have noted that the streamed services on a Sunday morning have reflected that journey. Initially we streamed Sunday morning services from our church venues, as though leaving the building behind would mean leaving our God behind. Even when we were no longer allowed to do that, we streamed in front of a photo of St Thomas' to give the impression that we were in our building with our God just out of reach. Then the revelation came that our words were not confirmed by our actions. Yes, our buildings are important to us, with the history and beauty of St Thomas' and the wonderful worship and community facility that St Nicholas' is. However week in, week out we say that God's Spirit is with us through our whole week not just Sunday morning. Our worship now reflects that truth. We can have faith because as I sit in my garden speaking to you and you join in from your living room, God's Spirit is with his people. He is with you at home, the shop, the phone call, the nursing home, the dog walk and more. He is with us always and that is a God and a faith worth holding on to.

Online Services This Sunday

Bedhampton Sunday Worship - Available From 8am

Readings: Romans 8:1-7 & John 10.1-10

www.Bedhampton.church/worship

A service led by members of our Church family.

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 on Wednesday night for the online discussion group.

Please Pray For

Ray Beaney, Myra Beard; Chris Deacon; Rebecca Delmar-Morgan; Sarah Gazey; Canon Karina Green; Charlie Harckham; Jess; Joe; Gerri; Gisela; Pat Jay; 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:

Cherry & Keith Read; Ruth Smith; Margaret Hobbs; Brian Kay.

News

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

All services and meetings remain on hold until further notice. The office phone and email remain in use. Facebook and the web site are other ways to keep in touch.

Bedhampton Big Quiz

Congratulations to the 'untethered' team from the Langhorn family for storming away with a convincing win at the Bedhampton Big Quiz. Thank you also to all those who joined in for the fun.

Parish Magazine

The May magazine is available at www.Bedhampton.church/news. There will be no deliveries this month. A limited amount can be printed in house so please contact us if you need a printed copy.

Food Bank

Drop food in the Food Bank bins at Asda, Tesco, and Waitrose or in the black box by the front door at The Rectory, Bidbury Lane.

Ruth Smith

The Funeral for Ruth Smith, wife of a previous rector Revd. Norman Smith, is on Monday 11th May at 2.00pm. Anyone wishing to view the funeral online should contact Max for the login 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.

Thy Kingdom Come

The annual call to prayer between Ascension and Pentecost from our Archbishops is coming. Keep an eye open on this sheet and the website in the next couple of weeks to see what form this year's Thy Kingdom Come will take.

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