

Sunday 19th July 2020

The Sixth Sunday After Trinity - Become Like Jesus

Services and meetings at Bedhampton remain on hold. The parish office phone, email, Facebook and website are great ways to stay in touch.

Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Rector's Reflection

As we look at “practising the way of Jesus” again this week I am excited about the movement towards God’s will that this will enable. It has been my experience that when I take time to do the things that Jesus did, I recognise God’s Spirit and his presence in my life. It’s almost as though Jesus knew what he was doing when he demonstrated this way of life. For me though, there is always the danger that I turn this into “practising the way to earn God’s love”. That, of course, is not what we are about, and is not why God loves us. A reminder came into my life this week from a friend. The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. (Proverbs 18.10). We find our righteousness in the fact that God loves us and so we run towards him. We practice the way of Jesus because God loves us, not to earn that love.

Online Services This Sunday

Bedhampton Sunday Worship - Available from 8am

www.Bedhampton.church/worship or call to listen 023 9387 7789

Readings: Luke 2:41-51 & Luke 6:39-40

Church of England's Online Service - Available from 9am

www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online

This Week

Weekly Parish Prayer - Zoom Meeting ID: 997 4841 5600

Wednesday at 8am. Bedhampton.church/prayer

Holy Communion

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

Sermon Topic Discussion Group

Wednesday at 7.30pm. Bedhampton.church/practice

Contact Max (details below) to join in this online discussion and Q&A.

Zoom Meetings - www.zoom.us

For Zoom meetings software is available for Microsoft, Apple or Android. You can also call 0203 481 5240 and enter the meeting ID when asked.

Please Pray For

Ray Beaney, Myra Beard; Cliff BlofieldLKathy; Chris Deacon; Rebecca Delmar-Morgan; Sarah Gazey; Canon Karina Green; Charlie Harckham; Jess; Joe; Gerri; Gisela; Jon & Naomi Gould; Pat Jay; John Martin; Margaret & Brian Medway; David Milligan; Marilyn and Bernard Mist; Amelia Norman; Peter Slade; Bernard Stanley; Wendy Wilbraham; Saskia; Shaun.

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Physical Public Worship

The Church leadership is working towards and hopes to be able to hold public services in our church buildings from 6th September. There are many limitations still in place which will mean that this will not be a simple return to the previous pattern and format of services. In addition, it may not be appropriate for some people to return to an environment mixing with others. Our desire is to enable all who wish to worship an opportunity to do so. The current expectation is to hold one service in each of our church buildings and one online service every Sunday. There will also be a Wednesday morning Holy Communion. You will have many questions and should feel free to ask them of me and I will answer where I have information to do so. As planning progresses, I shall announce more details. Please pray for the team as we move towards enabling this public worship. Rev Max Cross.

Giving

Thank you all those who continue to give to the work of God in Bedhampton. This is particularly important at this time when income from hall rentals and other areas has ceased. 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.

Private Prayer

We are open for private prayer at St Thomas' between 11am and 3pm every Wednesday and Sunday. We have prepared St Thomas' in line with the guidelines. A volunteer greeter will make you aware of our Covid-19 precautions upon your arrival.

Dial-A-Service

You can call 023 9387 7789 to listen to our service or sermon. They are also available on at www.Bedhampton.church/worship

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