

Sunday 16th August 2020

The Tenth Sunday After Trinity - God Is In Control!

Services and meetings at Bedhampton remain on hold until 6th September. You can contact us via email, Facebook and the website.

Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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

Big boys don't cry, is one of many lies we have been told that encourage us to put up a facade of being in control. It's not Biblical either, our Lord himself wept over the loss of a dear friend and then again as he headed towards the cross. I wept twice this week and both times I would not have exchanged for seeming to be in control. Olive Sheasby a dear friend of our parish visited for probably the last time as she moves to be near her daughter. Olive says a big hello by the way. I wept as I handed her a communion wafer, and reminded her that Jesus loves her. Then there was the beautiful couple that I was privileged to join together in marriage on Friday. I wept as they exchanged rings and vowed to continue to serve one another. In control? Not so much, I'll leave that to our God.

Online Services This Sunday

Bedhampton Sunday Worship - Available from 8am

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

Readings: 2 Timothy 4:1-8 & Revelation 22:12-21.

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

Wednesday & Sunday Private Prayer

We are open for private prayer at St Thomas' between 11am and 3pm every Wednesday and Sunday.

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

Those Requesting Prayer

Ray Beaney, Myra Beard; Cliff Blofield; Kathy; 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.

Those Recently Married

Mr Jonathan and Mrs Glynnis Noble. Mr Will and Mrs Vicky Brock.

www.facebook.com/BedhamptonNews - www.Bedhampton.church

News

Alison Threlkeld

It is with mixed emotions that we announce that Alison will not be returning to our parish as Parish Administrator. We are very sad to lose Alison but also happy for her and her family as she returns to her vocation in the social care sector in a new senior role. We are grateful to Alison for all she has done since joining us.

Life Groups

Are you a member of a home or life group that meets regularly? One of the things we have learnt in lockdown is these are vital as part of our faith walk. Now is the time to join a group. Some of our groups continue to meet online whilst others have been supporting each other over the phone. Contact Max for more details.

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.

Help Needed To Open Up

On the 6th of September, we hope to open for services in our church buildings. We need help to enable that to happen. We are looking for heroes who once a month can smile, point people in the right direction and lift a chair. If you have never served in our church, now is the time to contact Max.

The Bible Course

Whether you're well versed in Scripture or just starting out on the journey, The Bible Course offers a superb overview of the world's best-selling book. Via Zoom and starting Wednesday 26th August, we will be hosting this course. Contact Max a.s.a.p to join in from your home weekly.

Parish Magazine

The August magazine is available at www.Bedhampton.church/news for your enjoyment. There will be no deliveries this month. You can, however, collect a copy from St Thomas' when open for prayer.

Contact Us

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Opening Our Church Buildings For Public Worship

The Church leadership hopes to be able to hold public services in our church buildings from **Sunday 6th September**. This is wonderful news and we are looking forward to meeting again. There are many limitations still in place including the request from The Church of England that you wear a face covering. The services will follow this monthly pattern, which the Church leadership will review during 2021.

Sunday one - Online - 8am Sunday Worship Online.

Sunday one - Online - 8am Sunday Messy Church.

Sunday one - St Nicholas' - 9am Morning Worship.

Sunday one - St Thomas' - 11am Morning Prayer.

Wednesday one - St Nicholas' - 9:30am MU Holy Communion.

Sunday two - Online - 8am Sunday Worship Online.

Sunday two - St Nicholas' - 9am Morning Worship.

Sunday two - St Thomas' - 11am Holy Communion.

Wednesday two - St Thomas' - 9:30am Holy Communion.

Sunday three - Online - 8am Sunday Worship Online.

Sunday three - St Nicholas' - 9am Holy Communion.

Sunday three - St Thomas' - 11am Morning Prayer.

Wednesday three - St Nicholas' - 9:30am Holy Communion.

Sunday four - Online - 8am Sunday Worship Online.

Sunday four - St Nicholas' - 9am Morning Worship.

Sunday four - St Thomas' - 11am Holy Communion.

Wednesday four - St Thomas' - 9:30am Holy Communion.

When a month has five Sundays or Wednesdays.

Sunday five - Online - 8am Sunday Worship Online.

Sunday five - St Nicholas' - 9am Morning Worship.

Sunday five - St Thomas' - 11am Morning Prayer.

Wednesday five - St Thomas' - 9:30am Holy Communion.

We ask that you inform us if you are going to attend one of the services. You can do this at [Bedhampton.church/book](https://www.Bedhampton.church/book) or by phoning the office on 023 9245 0955. We hope the need to warn us will be removed shortly. If you have any questions contact the church office or Rev Max Cross.