



**Serving the community of Bedhampton by sharing God's love and friendship**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020**

The Eleventh Sunday After Trinity - Diversity

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

### **Collect**

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Rector's Reflection**

I was meandering around St Thomas' for my hour of welcoming people during our time of private prayer. Walking up to the resources table I read the instruction notice. "If you use a Bible during your visit please place it in the quarantine box as you leave." Bang! I ran headfirst into a Holy Spirit revelation. Who do I, who do we place in the quarantine box such that they do not feel able to cross our church building thresholds? Who would we not get the chance to welcome to the family of God because they would never consider they could possibly feel at home? *Serving the community of Bedhampton by sharing God's love and friendship.* Our purpose statement is going to require us to get out of our buildings all the more, if we are to meet that diverse group. To meet God's people who have up until now been quarantined from his love, for fear of not fitting in. Join us as we continue that journey.

## Online Services This Sunday

### **Bedhampton Sunday Worship - Available from 8am**

[www.Bedhampton.church/worship](http://www.Bedhampton.church/worship) or call to listen 023 9387 7789

Readings: Micah 6:1-8 & 1 Corinthians 12.12-27.

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

[www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online](http://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](http://Bedhampton.church/prayer)

### **Holy Communion**

A short communion service led by Max for you to follow along with is always available. [Bedhampton.church/communion](http://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](http://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**

Jordan and Freya Hargreaves; Jonathan and Glynnis Noble.

## News

### 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.

### 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 today to join in weekly from your home.

### Freya & Jordan

Congratulations to Freya and Jordan who were married on Saturday at St Thomas'. Freya and Jordan have been with us for the last year leading the Youth Ministry out of St Nicholas' whilst Freya completes a placement for her course. Freya's course requires her to now move to a new ministry area in order to gain wider youth work experience. We thank them and pray every blessing upon them and their future married life and ministry together.

### 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.

## Contact Us

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### Church Leader (Rector):

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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.