



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

Sunday 6th September 2020

The Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity - We're Back, Now What?

Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Rector's Reflection

I am drawn back to a Methodist prayer as we look at the fact that we are back in our church buildings and ask what is next? The Methodists hold an annual Covenant Service, at which they celebrate all that God has done for us and affirm that we give our lives and choices to God. The Covenant Prayer comes from that service. As we consider what God would desire for our future I don't believe I can beat these words.

I am no longer my own but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you, exalted for you, or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing: I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.' Amen.

It will take time to consider if we can truly pray that prayer. It is a hard prayer to pray and even harder to live out.

Services This Sunday

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Theme: We're Back! Now What?

Reading 1: Hebrews 10:19-25
Reading 2: John 15:5-17

St Nicholas' 9am Morning Worship

Reader 1: Sally Tritton.
Reader 2: Suzy Cross.
Prayers: TBC.

St Thomas' 11am Morning Prayer

Reader 1: Mike Case.
Reader 2: Ann Partridge.
Prayers: Sandra Matthews.

Sunday Worship Online - www.Bedhampton.church
Available from 8am on at or by phone on 023 9387 7789.

Messy Church At Home

Available from Sunday 6th at www.Bedhampton.church/messy

What's On This Week

Wednesday 9th September

8am Parish Prayer: Zoom 997 4841 5600 & Bedhampton.church/prayer
9.30am Holy Communion at St Thomas'.
7.30pm The Bible Course: Zoom 239 2483 3013.

Zoom Meetings - www.zoom.us

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

Dates For Your Diary

Sunday 13th September

St Nicholas' - 9am Morning Worship.
St Thomas' - 11am Holy Communion.

Wednesday 16th September

St Nicholas' - 9:30am Holy Communion.

Sunday 20th September

St Nicholas' - 9am Holy Communion.
St Thomas' - 11am Morning Prayer.

Book in at: www.Bedhampton.church/book & 023 9248 3013

Midweek Holy Communion

This Wednesday midweek, Holy Communion is at St Thomas'. The venue for our midweek communion alternates between St Thomas' and St Nicholas'. We believe these are a great accessible service for those who have drifted from the church family over the years. This is the time to invite someone you know to come with you.

Messy Church

Messy Church remains an online event for now. Many activities, videos, songs, and craft are at Bedhampton.church/messy Share with those families you know.

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.

V.I.P

Every autumn we review our vision, identify and purpose. You can remind yourself of what our V.I.P is at Bedhampton.church/vip

Parish Magazine

Available on our web site at Bedhampton.church/news and in our church buildings is your favourite read of the month. Next month we hope to be able to resume deliveries to those of you who have the magazine delivered.

Public Services

We ask that you inform us if you are going to attend one of the services. You can do this at Bedhampton.church/book or by phone on 023 9245 0955.

Open Church

St Thomas' on Bidbury Lane is open for private prayer from 9am – 4pm every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Please follow the guidance indicated on the sheet available to you as you enter.

Giving

Thank you all those who continue to give to the work of God in Bedhampton. This is particularly important 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 you are able to join 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.

Services Next Sunday

Sunday 13th September 2020

Theme: VIP: Purpose

Reading 1: Exodus 17:1-7

Reading 2: Matthew 28:16-20

St Nicholas'

9am Morning Worship

Reader 1: TBC.

Reader 2: Neville Quick.

Prayers: Vanda Hawkes

St Thomas'

11am Holy Communion

Reader 1: Peter Hirsch

Reader 2: Service Leader.

Prayers: Linda Brown.

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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; Debbie Shead; Peter Slade; Bernard Stanley; Orlando Watson; Wendy Wilbraham; Saskia; Shaun.

The families of those who have recently died:

Arthur 'John' Miles.

Those recently married

Jordan and Freya Curtis.

Those recently baptized

Debbie Shead.

Contact Us

Parish Office:

The office is currently closed.

Email and phone may still be used.

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Church Leader (Rector):

Rev Max Cross

Normal day off is Thursday.

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