



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

Sunday 13th September 2020

The Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity - VIP: Purpose

Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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

I was chatting with someone who I respect about our Vision, Identity and Purpose. "Isn't this all a bit corporate and business speak?" they said, or at least I believe it would be a fair paraphrase of their response. Let us not pretend that this does not cross all of our minds at times, but my response may surprise you. It was, yes. If our V.I.P simply remains words on our website, banners and notices then they are worthless chaff. However, if our vision drives us into the community God has placed us within to take action. If our purpose reminds us to share the love of God with the people around us not only through words, but through action then it is more than chaff. Our V.I.P is simply a tool we can use to check that we are on the path God has revealed. That is why every year we ask what is our part in this vision and purpose. Starting this week we remind ourselves of our V.I.P and ask what does this mean for us this year of all years? What action do we take this year both as a corporate body of God's people and as individual followers of Jesus?

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Services This 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: Max Cross.

Reader 2: Neville Quick.

Prayers: Vanda Hawkes

St Thomas'
11am Holy Communion

Reader 1: Peter Hirsch

Reader 2: Service Leader.

Prayers: Linda Brown.

Sunday Worship Online - www.Bedhampton.church

Available from 8am on at or by phone on 023 9387 7789.

What's On This Week

Wednesday 16th September

8am Parish Prayer: Zoom 997 4841 5600 & Bedhampton.church/prayer

9.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'.

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

Wednesday 16th September

St Nicholas' - 9:30am Holy Communion.

Saturday 19th September

Archdeaconry Consultations via Zoom, please see the notice.

Sunday 20th September

St Nicholas' - 9am Holy Communion.

St Thomas' - 11am Morning Prayer.

Wednesday 23rd September

St Thomas' - 9:30am Holy Communion.

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

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Midweek Holy Communion

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.

Fun Club

We know some are desperate to return to Fun Club at St Nicks. Fun Club will return, just not yet. As soon as we are able to meet the requirements we will be dashing back into the building. To be kept informed of when this will be, email [Hello@Bedhampton.church](mailto>Hello@Bedhampton.church) and we will keep you up to date.

Annual Meeting

Our postponed Annual Church Parochial Meeting will take place on the 11th, October at 11am following a joint 10am service at St Nicholas'. Please book into both the service and meeting separately at Bedhampton.church/book or by contacting the parish office. You may also attend via Zoom video, details of how to do this will follow.

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.

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.

Helping Setting Up

Can you help set up on a Sunday morning at St Nicholas' once or twice a month? Please speak to Max today.

Treasurer's Email

If you need to email our treasurer Mike Case for matters relating to the parish the email to use is Treasurer@Bedhampton.church to make sure it arrives safely.

Archdeaconry Consultations

On September 19th between 2pm and 3:30pm Portsmouth Diocese will be hosting our Archdeaconry consultation via Zoom. There will be a discussion along with a Q&A time around the diocesan vision and strategy and what this means for our structures and finances. If you would like to be part of this please contact Max by Sept 16th and he will forward your details.

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.

Services Next Sunday

Sunday 20th September 2020

Theme: VIP: Vision 1 & 2

St Nicholas'

9am Holy Communion

Reader 1: Tracey Smith.

Reader 2: Service Leader

Prayers: Nicky Quick

Reading 1: Genesis 2.8-25

Reading 2: Mark 4.1-20

St Thomas'

11am Morning Prayer

Reader 1: Carol Frogley

Reader 2: Suzy Cross

Prayers: Linda Brown

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Please Pray For

Those requesting prayer:

Ray Beaney, Myra Beard; Cliff Blofield; Chris Deacon; Rebecca Delmar-Morgan; Pam Facer; Sarah Gazey; Charlie Harckham; Gerri; Gisela; Jon & Naomi Gould; Margaret Gray; Pat Jay; John Martin; Margaret & Brian Medway; David Milligan; Marilyn & Bernard Mist; Amelia Norman; Peter Slade; Bernard Stanley; Orlando Watson; Wendy Wilbraham; Jess; Joe; Kathy; Ken & Thelma; Saskia; Shaun.

The families of those who have recently died:

Debbie Shead; Ruth Loftus.

Those recently married

Sarah & Martin Peter; Richard & Michell Froom; Richard & Clare Burton.

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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