



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

## **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

The Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity – Theme: Matthew: The golden rule

### **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy, 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.

### **Rector's Reflection**

It seems Mum was correct after all. The idea of treating people as you to want to be treated is found to many faith's and is often known as the Golden Rule. For us though it takes on a significant meaning because Jesus taught that this encompasses all that God would has us do. At the risk of sounding like a grumpy old man, I do wonder if in a world where we demand our rights, whether our responsibilities get missed out in the mix. Where demanding our right to act in a certain way is detrimental to others than are we breaking the commandment from our Lord? Perhaps our mindset could be, how does my action impact others? Rather than, why am I being restricted? It is a brave person who heads into the world with that attitude and the can of worms that approach opens up. That said Jesus never promised this was easy and that it wouldn't hurt. Actually he did say quite the opposite. He also said we would have the power in God's Spirit to be able to fulfil that calling and to see God's Kingdom come in Bedhampton.

## Services This Sunday

### St Nicholas'

**10am Morning Worship**

**Theme: Matthew: the golden rule**

### St Thomas'

10 am Shared morning service at  
St. Nicholas'

Reader 1: Pete Spencer.

Reading 1: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Reader 2: Alyson Johnstone

Reading 2: Matthew 7: 7-12

Prayers: Mike Tritton.

### **11 am Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**Sunday Worship Online - [www.Bedhampton.church](http://www.Bedhampton.church)**

Available from 8am online or by phone on 023 9387 7789

## What's On This Week

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

8am Parish Prayer: Zoom 997 4841 5600 & [Bedhampton.church/prayer](http://Bedhampton.church/prayer)

9.30am Holy Communion at St Thomas'

7.30pm The Bible Course: Zoom 239 2483 3013

### **Zoom Meetings - [www.zoom.us](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> November: 3.00 pm : Memory Service

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November: **10.50 am** : Remembrance Service

Book in at: [www.Bedhampton.church/book](http://www.Bedhampton.church/book) & 023 9248 3013

## News

### 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.

### Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal

If you would like to be part of this appeal and pack a shoe box ready to be delivered in time for Christmas to needy children around the world, leaflets on how and what to pack are now in church. Please can all completed boxes be delivered to church by Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November. If you need further information, please contact Kim 07906 263 895; Sally 023 9247 5078; Cathy 07539 237 119.

### Denise Deacon

The by invitation only funeral for Denise Deacon will take place this coming Monday 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:45pm. The funeral cortege will slow as it passes the Deep Blue fish and chip shop on Bedhampton Road and then arrive at St Thomas' Church in Bidbury Lane shortly afterwards. If you plan to pay your respects outside the shop or church building, please comply with current Covid restrictions and laws. Please pray for the family and friends of Denise.

### Annual Meeting

Our Annual Church Parochial Meeting will take place today at 11am following a joint 10am service at St Nicholas'. You should have booked into both the service and meeting separately at [Bedhampton.church/book](https://www.Bedhampton.church/book) or by contacting the parish office. As a reminder, for those wishing to attend and contribute from home use <https://zoom.us/j/2392483013> or this meeting ID: 2392483013 in the Zoom software. This will place you in the waiting room. You will be let in to the meeting at 10:55am. Alternatively if you simply wish to watch and listen then go to [www.Bedhampton.church/apcm](http://www.Bedhampton.church/apcm)

### Heating

As we move into autumn we obviously cannot have all the windows and doors open during services. To allow for a change of air our buildings will be ventilated before our services. This will allow us to heat the buildings and still provide as safe a place as possible to worship in during the services.

### 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](https://www.Bedhampton.church/book) or by phone on 023 9245 0955.

## Services Next Week - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October

### St Nicholas'

**9am Holy Communion (CW1)  
Matthew: Narrow Path**

Reader 1: Suzy Cross  
Reading 1: Joshua 24:14-15  
Reader 2: Service Leader  
Reading 2: Matthew 7:13-14  
Prayers: Nicky Quick

### St Thomas'

**11am Morning Prayer  
Matthew: Narrow Path**

Reader 1: Ann Partridge  
Reading 1: Psalm 1  
Reader 2: Julian Delmar-Morgan  
Reading 2: Matthew 7:13-14  
Prayers: Max Cross

## Sunday Worship Online - [www.Bedhampton.church](http://www.Bedhampton.church)

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## Please Pray For

### Those requesting prayer:

Myra Beard; Cliff Blofield; Chris Deacon; Sarah Gazey; Charlie Harckham; Gisela; Jon & Naomi Gould; Margaret Gray; Margaret & Brian Medway; David Milligan; Marilyn & Bernard Mist; Amelia Norman; Barry Payne; Peter Slade; Wendy Wilbraham; Ann Williams; Joe; Kathy; Ken & Thelma; Shaun; Sheila.

### The families of those who have recently died:

Denise Deacon.

### Those recently baptised:

James and Caitlin Stewart.

## Contact Us

### Parish Office:

The office is currently closed.  
Email and phone may still be used.  
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### Church Leader (Rector):

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