



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

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

The Nineteenth After Trinity – Theme: Matthew: Narrow path

### **Collect**

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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**

This week in her funeral we said goodbye to a dear friend of the parish, a member of our family. Many of you may not have known Denise Deacon unless you happen to go to Fun Club, our toddler group that in more normal times meets at St. Nicholas'. In a phone call this morning someone said to me, "I didn't really know her, but she seemed the salt of the earth." The origin of that saying is from Matthew 5: 13 when we are told that we bring the taste of Christ to this world. That was Denise. She brought the flavour of Jesus to all she met and yet she would not have recognised that in herself. In the last years of a life that she did not know would be cut short Denise asked questions of who God is. After an invitation from some of those who befriended her, she sought to know more of Jesus in the confusion of what life can be sometimes. I recently discovered that Denise would go to her son's home to use the internet; and watch our online services as she sought to be responsible for her own journey with Jesus during the pandemic. Seeking God in the mess is the harder route, and Denise took that narrow path to apprenticeship in Jesus. There is a lesson for all of us in those actions as this week we ask what it means to take the narrow path?

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## Services This Sunday

### St Nicholas'

**9am Holy Communion (CW1)**  
**Theme: 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)**

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

## What's On This Week

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October

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

9.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'

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.

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

### Morning Prayer

All Saints, Denmead, who are of a similar tradition to St. Thomas', stream Common Worship Morning Prayer at 8.30 am every weekday. Max, who often uses this time for his morning prayer, thought particularly for those who have never tried a regular prayer time this might be a great opportunity ([facebook.com/allsaintsdenmead](https://facebook.com/allsaintsdenmead)). Also don't forget we meet for Parish Prayer every Wednesday online at 8 am.

### 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.

### Helping Set Up

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

### 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](http://Bedhampton.church/vip)

**Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal reminder** : Please can all shoe boxes be in church by Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November. Thank you.

### Parish Magazine delivery

We are urgently seeking someone to take over delivery of 9 magazines along Park Lane, Bedhampton. If you are able to help please contact Janice on 9247 7424.

The magazine committee also need Bedhampton "news gatherers" who can help fill our publication with local news.

Please speak to Max or leave details at the Parish Office if you would like to help.

## Services Next Week - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October

### St Nicholas'

**9am Morning Worship**  
**Matthew: True and false**

Reader 1: Neville Quick  
Reading 1: Genesis 3  
Reader 2: Vanda Hawkes  
Reading 2: Matthew 7: 15-23  
Prayers: Fleur Bragaglia

### St Thomas'

**11am Holy Communion**  
**Matthew: True and false**

Reader 1: Peter Hirsch  
Reading 1: Genesis 3  
Reader 2: Service Leader  
Reading 2: Matthew 7: 15-23  
Prayers: Sandra Matthews

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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; Barbara Johnson.

### Recently baptised:

Isobel Iris Jones

## Contact Us

### Parish Office:

The office is currently closed.  
Email and phone may still be used.  
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