



Bedhampton Parish

St Thomas & St Nicholas

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

Sunday 25th October 2020

The Twentieth After Trinity – Theme: Matthew: True and False

Collect

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life, 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

'Watch out for false prophets' is how Jesus begins our Gospel for this Sunday. If ever there was a time to watch out for fake news, conspiracy theories and outright lies it is now. You may not agree, but it is my observation that some of the sources we would have trusted to help us separate the chaff from the wheat can no longer be relied upon. In their need for a bigger audience and profits they have moved towards the sensationalising of news and provision of entertainment rather than truth. I have looked for unbiased reporting only to come up mostly without fruit. On balance, it is not only our press that have done this. In a world of instant comments over the internet from the President of the USA everyone has an opinion that can run around the world before the truth has got its boots on. How can we discern what is true from politicians, business owners, family, Facebook, Twitter and yes preachers? As ever there is wisdom from God himself that we can use to discern the truth and that is our topic for this weekend. Do join us in one of our Church venues or online this Sunday as we seek truth.

www.facebook.com/BedhamptonNews - www.Bedhampton.church

Services This Sunday

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

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

What's On This Week

Wednesday 28th October

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

9.30am Holy Communion at St Thomas'

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 (all held at St. Thomas')

Sunday 1st November: 3.00 pm : Memory Service

Sunday 8th November: 8.00 am : A special one-off communion in remembrance of George Gadsby

Sunday 8th November: **10.50 am** : Remembrance Service

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

George Gadsby

Have you heard that on the 8th November which is Remembrance Sunday we also have a special one-off Holy Communion at 8am? As we remember the commandment from Jesus and those who have served our country we will also remember our friend George who died earlier this year.

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.

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

Morning Prayer

All Saints, Denmead stream
Common Worship Morning Prayer at 8.30am 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). Also don't forget we meet for Parish Prayer every Wednesday online at 8am.

Memory Service

1st November is All Saints Sunday and is the time which we put aside to especially remember those we have loved who have died recently or in the past. This year has been particularly difficult for many people and they may appreciate an invitation to have this space to reflect. Book in by phone or on the website.

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.

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

Wanted

Are you still wondering how to respond to the green envelope which was given to you in church recently? Wonder no more! The Magazine Team are seeking someone who is a Bedhampton resident (although this is not compulsory) who is good at gathering local news which could be included in our magazine. Attendance at monthly meetings not absolutely necessary. Complete your form or speak to Max.

Services Next Week - Sunday 1st November

St Nicholas'

9am Morning Worship
Matthew: Wise and Foolish

Reader 1: Sally Tritton
Reading 1: Isaiah 33: 2-6
Reader 2: Vicki Spencer
Reading 2: Matthew 7: 24-29
Prayers: Suzy Cross

St Thomas'

11am Morning Prayer
Matthew: Wise and Foolish

Reader 1: Mike Case
Reading 1: Psalm 23
Reader 2: Sandra Matthews
Reading 2: Matthew 7: 24-29
Prayers: Linda Brown

3.00 pm Service of Memories

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Please Pray For

Those requesting prayer:

Myra Beard; Cliff Blofield; David Brookes; 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:

Barbara Johnson

Those recently baptised:

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Contact Us

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