



Bedhampton Parish

St Thomas & St Nicholas

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

Sunday 29th November 2020

Advent 1

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son, Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Rector's Reflection

Advent is a lost treasure in some of God's Churches. In our desire to rush to greet the Lord in the manger we can miss the reflection and anticipation found in the journey through Advent. What are our expectations for the future? What difference does the celebration of Jesus' birth make to us? How do we prepare our hearts for the knowledge that God came looking for us in his love? There are many traditions about what each candle means. However traditionally we have observed the first candle as being The Patriarchs. As we reflect on those who came before and pointed to the coming of Jesus, I wonder how we remember with thanks those who pointed us towards God's love, and indeed who do we point towards Jesus? Perhaps now is the time for reflection upon such questions.

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

Services This Sunday - Sunday 29th November

www.Bedhampton.tv

Online – Advent 1

Reading 1: Isaiah 64: 1 - 9

Reading 2: Mark 13: 24 - 37

Sunday Worship Online - www.Bedhampton.tv

Available from Sunday online or by phone on 023 9387 7789

What's On This Week

Wednesday 2nd December

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

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

Next Planned Physical Services

Sunday 6th December 9am, St. Nicholas' Church, Holy Communion.

Sunday 6th December 11am, St. Thomas' Church, Holy Communion.

Wednesday 9th December 9.30am, St. Thomas' Church, Holy Communion.

Christmas Unwrapped (Zoom Meeting)

2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd December 7.30pm – 8.30pm. A video and discussion-based journey through Advent. Contact the parish office to sign up.

The Christmas Experience

12th - 24th December 3pm – 6pm in the grounds of St. Thomas' Church. Who are you going to invite?

The Alpha Course

Late January 2021 - An open and informal dialogue about faith. Who are you going to invite?

www.Bedhampton.church/book & 023 9248 3013

Public Services

Our next physical services will be on 6th December. However, every week there is an online service available from Facebook or our website.

National Covid Tiers Impact

As we return to the new national tier system after 2nd December the current information is that this will not impact physical Sunday worship. In all tiers churches can open for public worship, so long as the Covid-secure number is not exceeded. Book in by leaving a message on the parish office phone or on www.Bedhampton.church

Open Church

St Thomas' on Bidbury Lane is open for private prayer from 9am – 4pm every weekday (2pm from 12th December). Please follow the guidance indicated on the sheet available to you as you enter.

The Living Advent Calendar

The First Trailer for the Havant Passion Play "Living Advent Calendar" is available! Go to YouTube and enter "HPP - Living Advent Calendar" or use this link www.youtu.be/E-MJvF8aNHU

Parish Magazine

We will deliver the December magazine. However due to current restrictions they will have to be delivered slightly later than usual.

Christmas 2020

Christmas is not cancelled. we will still celebrate the birth of Jesus. In particular we are going to have 'The Christmas Experience', 3pm – 6pm between 12th and 24th December. In the grounds of St Thomas', we are placing scenes from the nativity journey. There will be an opportunity to take photos, use your mobile phone to hear the story and listen to carols as you journey with Mary and Joseph towards the stable in Bethlehem. Who are you going to invite?

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.

Wednesday Parish Prayer

Join us in praying for God's Kingdom to come in Bedhampton every Wednesday morning. Pray with us, pray on your own, but whatever you do just pray.

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 Week - Sunday 6th December

St. Nicholas' 9am Holy Communion Advent 2

Reader 1: Sally Tritton
Reading 1: Isaiah 40. 1-11
Reader 2: Vicki Spencer
Reading 2: Mark 1. 1-8
Prayers: Rosalynd Hall

St. Thomas' 11am Holy Communion Advent 2

Reader 1: Mike Case
Reading 1: Isaiah 40. 1-11
Reader 2: Sandra Matthews
Reading 2: Mark 1. 1-8
Prayers: Linda Brown

Sunday Worship Online – www.Bedhampton.tv
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Please Pray For

Those requesting prayer:

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

Important Information

There has been another spate of emails received which look as though they have come from the local parish priest. Some of these emails seem to come from the Rector, Rev Max Cross and are asking for money. They do not come from him. Even without being hacked it is still very easy to fake an email, as though it is coming from someone you know. We urge you to take great care when responding to emails or phone calls asking for money.

Please Note

**We will never ask in an email or phone call
for money to be transferred to the parish.**

Contact Us

Parish Office:

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