



Bedhampton Parish

St Thomas & St Nicholas

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

Sunday 10th January 2021

**The Baptism of Christ
The First Sunday of Epiphany**

Services this Week

Matthew: Eating With Sinners

Reading 1: 2 Samuel 11.1-5,14-17

Reading 2: Matthew 9.9-13

Sunday Worship Online - www.Bedhampton.tv

Available from 8.00am Sunday or by phone on 023 9387 7789

Holy Communion Online - www.Bedhampton.tv

Available from 10.00am Wednesday or by phone on 023 9387 7789.

Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 Comments

Join us this week as we once again return to our journey through the Gospel of Matthew. This week we find Jesus hanging about with people that the local religious leaders disapproved of. How do we take lessons learnt from Jesus and his reaction to people who are different to us?

On a slightly different note if you find yourself alone at this time or simply would welcome a phone call to catch up do leave a message on the office answer machine or email us and we can make sure that happens.

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

News

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

All services and meetings have been placed on hold until further notice. New online services remain available every week.

Questions?

Alpha Is The Place For You

We are hosting Alpha, an open and informal dialogue about faith, the person of Jesus, and what it all means. We want to hear your thoughts and questions as we explore these themes together without the pressured atmosphere that usually comes with these conversations. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Everyone is welcome. Contact Max for more information.

Lent Course

Coming this February will be our Lent courses, more details to come soon. Contact the office to sign up.

Small Groups

Are you a member of a home or life group that meets regularly? We have learnt in lockdown, these are vital as part of our faith walk. Now is the time to join a group. Contact the office for more details.

Open Church

Now we have received clarity from Portsmouth Diocese, St Thomas' is back open for private prayer during the week from 9am – 4pm every weekday. Please follow the guidance indicated on the sheet available as you enter.

Bedhampton Friends

If you are able to offer to collect a prescription, make a phone call or do a little shopping for someone who is unable to do this for themselves at this time please contact the office to volunteer.

Perplexed?

Do words like Zoom and Facebook send shivers down your spine? If you are having trouble getting access to our online services or meetings contact the office.

Fake Emails

There has been a spate of emails which look as though they have come from the local parish priest, Rev Max Cross, and are asking for money. They **do not** come from him. It is 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. **Note: We will never ask in an email or phone call for money to be transferred to the parish.**

Next Week: Sunday 17th January 2021

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Matthew: New Kingdom

Sunday Worship Online - www.Bedhampton.tv

Available from Sunday online or by phone on 023 9387 7789

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 8.1-22

Reading 2: Matthew 9:14-34

Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 13th January

8am Parish Prayer: Zoom: 239 248 3013 & 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.

Please Pray For

Those requesting prayer:

Ann Williams; Adeline; Amelia Norman; Charlie Harckham; Chris Deacon; Cliff Blofield; David Brookes; David Milligan; Gisela; Joe; Jon & Naomi Gould; Kathy; Ken & Thelma; Maggie Bishop; Margaret Gray; Margaret & Brian Medway; Myra Beard; Marilyn & Bernard Mist; Pam Facer; Sarah Gazey; Shaun; Wendy Wilbraham.

Contact Us

Parish Office:

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