



# Bedhampton Parish

St Thomas & St Nicholas

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

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021**

**The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

**Theme: Matthew's Gospel – Faithfulness**

**Collect**

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of the darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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**

Anonymous. That is how I feel sometimes as I wander through life, how about you? This lockdown that we are living through can exasperate the idea that we are alone and without impact on our world. Then we read in our Bible that Jesus is faithful to us not only as his Church, but also as individuals. As I sit at my desk and ponder that idea my mind is blown. The creator of the universe and rescuer of the world looks into England, focuses on Hampshire and his care and attention lands on us in our home. Not only does God's Spirit know us amongst all the people in this world, but he is also faithful to us. I don't even know where to go with that. Yes it means that we are never alone, even when we feel we are. Yes it means we always have a purpose even when we feel we don't. However, I think for me it is simply the truth that we are not only loved by God, but we are seen by him. We are not anonymous to our God.

## **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021**

### **10am Sunday Worship Online**

Reading 1: Romans 8:18-30

Reading 2: Matthew 10:26-42

Streamed at 10am on [www.Bedhampton.tv](http://www.Bedhampton.tv) and available afterwards at [www.Bedhampton.tv](http://www.Bedhampton.tv) or by phone on 023 9387 7789.

### **10:45am Post Service Chat - Zoom: 239 248 3013**

Put the kettle on and join us for a quick catch up on Zoom. If you don't do Zoom, give someone in the church family a call for a chat.

## **What's On This Week**

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

8am Parish Prayer: Zoom: 239 248 3013 & [Bedhampton.church/prayer](http://Bedhampton.church/prayer)

10am Holy Communion Online: Streamed on [www.Bedhampton.tv](http://www.Bedhampton.tv) and available live and afterwards or by phone on 023 9387 7789.

### **Zoom Meetings - [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)**

Zoom meeting software is available for Microsoft, Apple or Android. You can also call 020 3481 5240 and enter the meeting ID when asked.

## **Dates For Your Diary**

### **Messy Church Live**

Coming on 14<sup>th</sup> February Messy will go live on Zoom. Book in at [www.Bedhampton.church/book](http://www.Bedhampton.church/book) and we will send you the details.

### **Ash Wednesday From Home**

On 17<sup>th</sup> February a Holy Communion and Ash Wednesday service will be streamed at 10am from St Thomas'. Get ready to make those ashes!

### **Lent Groups**

Starting Wednesday (11am or 7:30pm) February 24<sup>th</sup> our Lent course called Discipleship Explored. An online video and chat looking at the book of Philippians asking what it means to follow the crucified Christ. Book in now by emailing the office or leaving a message on the answerphone.

## News

### Live On Sunday

From this Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> January, we are going live with our Sunday online service. It will be streamed live at 10am on at:

[www.Bedhampton.tv](http://www.Bedhampton.tv)

or

[facebook.com/BedhamptonNews](https://facebook.com/BedhamptonNews)

Following the service, you will have the opportunity to grab a drink and join us on Zoom for a catch up and chat.

[zoom.us/j/2392483013](https://zoom.us/j/2392483013)

The service will continue to be available after the initial stream on the website and Facebook.

### Parish Calendar 2021

There are just a few of these calendars left; they have a picture of Bedhampton's past on every month and lots of room to write things to remember. Please contact Alec Matthews on [great\\_cloppo@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:great_cloppo@yahoo.co.uk),

077 83488424 or 023 9248 4669 to purchase yours - a bargain at only £5 each.

### 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.

### Flushed

It has long been a desire to renovate St Nicholas' such that it really is ready for the mission God has planned for us moving forward. Finally, we are but steps away from phase one and the refurbishment of the toilets. With this renovation we will be able to hold our heads up high as we welcome people into St Nicholas. This of course comes at a cost and so I am asking if you would consider partnering with us to enable this to happen. Take a moment to look at what is planned by our PCC and how you can help. Details can be found on the website [www.Bedhampton.church/flushed](http://www.Bedhampton.church/flushed) or brochures can be collected from St Thomas'.

### 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.

### Prayer Circle

Prayer is a key part of God's Kingdom coming in Bedhampton. If you would like to be part of our prayer circle, please contact the office by email or phone today. Prayer request can be received by email, txt or telephone. The only skill needed is the desire to pray.

**Next Week: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**10am Sunday Worship Online  
The Fifth Sunday of Epiphany  
Theme: Matthew's Gospel - Doubts**

Reading 1: James 1:1-12

Reading 2: Matthew 11: 1-15

Streamed at 10am on [www.Bedhampton.tv](http://www.Bedhampton.tv) and available afterwards at [www.Bedhampton.tv](http://www.Bedhampton.tv) or by phone on 023 9387 7789.

**10:45am Post Service Chat - Zoom: 239 248 3013**

**Please Pray For**

**Those requesting prayer:**

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

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

David Milligan; John Cleobury.

**Church Buildings**

**Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

All physical services and meetings have been placed on hold until further notice. Two weekly online services are available.

**Open Church**

St Thomas' is open for private prayer from 9am – 4pm every weekday. Please follow the instructions available as you enter.

**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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