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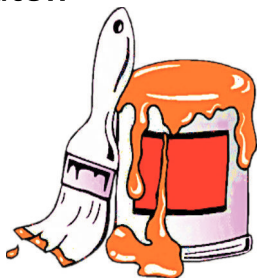
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Dear Friends

When I was a young girl, I would enjoy singing little songs and hymns to myself, as girls still do. We often hear our 8 year old neighbour repeating songs in a lovely, and very high soprano voice.

One of the hymns I used to sing, commonly heard in Church and Sunday School at the time, was " Help us to help each other, Lord. " It was a hymn that made you "feel good" and it gave a meaning to the word "help." I would help with small jobs around the house, polishing the sideboard, setting the table etc. and doing that, seemed somehow to satisfy the message that the hymn conveyed.

Coming from a Christian family, the daily background in my mind was that God would be watching these little tasks, and Jesus, His son, obviously younger than God and therefore my friend, would be a bit nearer and beside me.

Why am I writing this many years later?

Because - that little hymn, written by Charles Wesley in the mid seventeen hundreds, seems to be still relevant today.

It is almost a year since the murmurings of a pandemic were starting, and the words 'Covid 19' beginning to come into our language and take over our conversations. What a rollercoaster year of lockdowns, hope, lockdowns, hope and lockdown we have all had. It has been an unprecedented time, and not within the lifetime of most of us has there been such a strange sense of things being out of our control.

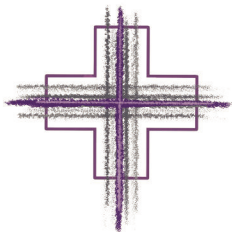
But, we have witnessed so many genuine acts of kindness from large organisations, to single loving tasks, often unseen, and mostly unrecorded, one to another - - - a phone call, shopping, a meal delivered.

Maybe the old hymn is continuing to lift us up. God is still watching, Jesus is still there beside us on the journey, and the Holy Spirit is surrounding us all. In these, still dark times, it is all we have, and all we need.

"Help us to help each other, Lord
Each other's cross to bear,
Let each his friendly aid afford
And feel his brother's care."

Charles Wesley 1707 – 1788

Sandra Matthews



LENT 2021

As Lent begins, information can be found on page 9. Lent courses can be accessed on-line or by phone.

Live on Sunday

From Sunday 31st January, we are going live with our Sunday online service. It will be streamed live at 10am on our website and Facebook. Following the service, you will have the opportunity to have a drink and join us on Zoom for a catch up and chat. **The service will continue to be available after the initial stream on the website.**

Small groups

Small groups are vital as part of our faith walk at all times but especially now. To join a group, contact the office for more details.

If you have a computer or tablet, keep in touch.



FOODBANK contributions can be made at Asda, Tesco, and Waitrose, or in the black box at the Rectory in Bidbury Lane.

Cover photo: Winter scene
In St. Thomas Churchyard:
Michael Parham

Come and join us for . . .



. . . on-line

BEDHAMPTON CALENDAR 2021

We are pleased to announce the Parish Calendar for 2021, featuring pictures of Bedhampton in years gone by.

We thank Ralph Cousins and the Bedhampton Historical Collection for permission to use these pictures.

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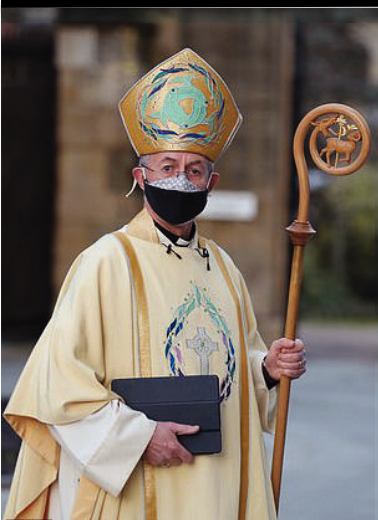
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FAMILY NEWS

We send our good wishes to those who celebrate anniversaries and birthdays this month including Mike Case, Janice Stott, Margaret Stanger and Pamela Morgan.

We are sad to announce the passing of David Milligan and pray for Denise.





A New Year Message From the Archbishop of Canterbury *in the chapel at St Thomas Hospital, London*

It may already be February, but especially this year, it is not too late to receive this message of hope.- Ed.

DESPITE the “tremendous pain and sadness” of 2020, there is hope in the New Year ahead, the Archbishop of Canterbury said in his New Year’s message.

Archbishop Justin Welby used the message, broadcast on BBC1, as an opportunity to reflect on his time as a volunteer assistant chaplain at Guy’s and St. Thomas’ Hospital in central London, part of which is across the road from Lambeth Palace.

He recalls: “One evening, I might be with a young child, praying with him and his mother. On another, I could be sharing a joke with someone — finding a moment of warmth and connection in a frightening time. Sometimes the most important thing we do is just sit with people, letting them know they are not alone.”

The Archbishop continued: “This year has seen tremendous pain and sadness. Many of us have lost family members or friends, often without being able to say goodbye. For anyone who is on the dark and difficult journey of grief — a path I know myself — I want to assure you that I am praying for you.

“But it’s at St. Thomas’ that, alongside acknowledging this darkness, I find reasons to be hopeful for the year ahead. Because what I see here teaches me something about human beings — and about God. This crisis has shown us how fragile we are. It has also shown us how to face this fragility.

“Here at the hospital, hope is there in every hand that’s held, and every comforting word that’s spoken. Up and down the country, it’s there in every phone call. Every food parcel or thoughtful card. Every time we wear our masks.”

In the Bible, he says, “God rejoices in these small acts of love — because they reveal who we truly are: human beings made in God’s image, deeply connected to one another. Such gestures speak to me of Jesus — the one who shows us what God’s love looks like. And for this reason, we can have hope for each and every month ahead.”

Speaking before his message was broadcast, Archbishop Welby said that working at St. Thomas’ Hospital during the pandemic, and recording his New Year message in the chapel there, had been a humbling experience.

The Archbishop has recently received his vaccination and fully recommends it to everyone.

PARISH NEWS

“Patients, staff, and visitors have used this chapel for quiet reflection and prayer for over 150 years. It was the place where Florence Nightingale came to pray. To this day it remains a sanctuary where people can find stillness, solace, and hope in the presence of Jesus Christ, irrespective of their faith. The presence of God there is unmistakable.”

He had also been reminded of the “essential role that chaplains play in healthcare settings — providing comfort, reassurance, spiritual support and hope to staff, patients, and relatives. During this crisis, when so many people have been alone in hospital without their loved ones, they have offered something valuable beyond measure.”

He concluded: “As we enter this New Year, key workers right across our society should be very much in our prayers. Let us be praying for their protection and safety, and resilience and wellbeing. Let us be praying, too, that we take inspiration from the courage and compassion of the staff here at Guy’s and St Thomas’ and across the NHS.”

The Archbishop of York, the Most Revd. Stephen Cottrell, released a series of short reflections, prayers, and poems throughout January on a similar theme: “Our Hope is Found”.

He explained: “2020 has been an incredibly hard year for everyone, and it is going to be a long time before we begin to feel some semblance of normality return. We all need hope, and I believe that our hope is found in the person of Jesus Christ.

“Knowing God through him brings life, peace, and hope that no matter what happens he is with us. As people listen to the reflections, I pray they can see that, as we trust in God and seek to follow him, we can have a peace which is beyond our understanding, and a hope that is sure and steadfast for what is to come.”

WHAT DID YOU DO DURING LOCKDOWN IN 2020?

The first lockdown lasted from March and eased in June. How did you pass your time? Did you take up a new hobby? Knitting, gardening, DIY? Were you able to help others? Did you keep a diary or journal?

We have just spent a further 4 weeks lockdown so there was time to be spent on another project. Tell us your stories.

As 2021 begins, we are in a further lockdown. Have you been inspired to start a new project whilst you follow the rules and stay at home?

Either send by email to Hello@Bedhampton.church OR send in writing to The Rectory. Please mark your envelope or email “Magazine”.

Bishop

An exam for R.E. asked the following question: ‘What does a Bishop do?’
Came one answer: ‘Move diagonally across the board.’

“God is with us in our pain and fear”

Bishop of London’s message of hope

In recent months, the Bishop of London, The Rt Revd Sarah Mullally, has said that despite this being a time of “great uncertainty and challenge” as the world struggles to “overcome a devastating pandemic that has cut short earthly lives, destroyed livelihoods, and separated us from the people and activities we enjoy,” yet still “we are not without hope.”



Speaking recently in St Paul’s Cathedral, she said: “Through word, prayer, song and symbol, we are reminded that God’s love for us can never be destroyed. God is with us in our pain and fear and will lead us to a yet more glorious day.”

Bishop Sarah also praised the ongoing work of the “real heroes and heroines at work in intensive care units, the Emergency Department, oncology and elderly care wards.” These people have been “giving their all, and are continuing to give their all, because we are still very much in the midst of the Covid pandemic.”

“Yet,” she went on, ‘The hope we have in our hearts as Christians is eternal. Hope that is in Christ will not be disappointed.”

The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE

As a former nurse, Bishop Sarah had a distinguished service in the NHS before ordination, culminating in her appointment as the Government’s Chief Nursing Officer for England in 1999, when she was the youngest person to be appointed to the post.

She was ordained in 2001 and served her curacy in Battersea, initially as a self-supporting minister. She left her post as Chief Nursing Officer in 2004 to take up full time ministry, becoming a team rector in the London Borough of Sutton in 2006. In 2012, she was installed as canon treasurer at Salisbury cathedral before becoming Bishop of London in March 2018

HELP NEEDED

The Magazine Team is seeking someone who is a Bedhampton resident (not compulsory) who is good at gathering interesting local news which could be included in this magazine. You would be invited to either attend the magazine meetings which are usually held once a month, or to keep in touch by email which is what we have been doing during these past few months of lockdown and restrictions.

Please contact Max if you are interested or if you would like more information.

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Bishop of Portsmouth Christopher Foster announces retirement

Bishop Christopher, 67, had delayed his resignation so he could lead the Church of England's Diocese of Portsmouth through the Covid pandemic.

He will step down as bishop in April 2021, alongside his ordained wife, and the couple will retire to Somerset.

He made the announcement on Sunday 13th December, the same day as his wife, the Canon Sally Davenport, told worshippers at Holy Trinity and St. Columba Churches in Fareham that she was to resign as their Team Rector.

Bishop Christopher said: "It has been a privilege to serve as bishop in this diocese for over a decade. Because we are a small diocese with a family feel, our clergy and lay people have been able to collaborate effectively and respond quickly to changing circumstances – as the past year has shown.

"Over the past 10 years, I have seen courage, generosity and resourcefulness as our congregations have faithfully shared God's love, through prayer, worship and serving others."

"I have seen courage, generosity and resourcefulness"

"I look forward to working with those fellow disciples over the coming months to continue discovering what the post-Covid Church will look like as we renew our commitment to respond collaboratively in changing times.

The Rt. Rev. Christopher Foster was consecrated as Bishop of Hertford in 2001, one of two suffragan (assistant) bishops in the diocese of St Albans. There he was Warden of Readers in the diocese, leading the training and work of licensed lay ministers, chaired the Mission and Pastoral Committee, and was especially involved with outreach among young people and the encouragement of their ministry and leadership. He became the ninth Bishop of Portsmouth in September 2010, succeeding the Rt. Revd. Dr Kenneth Stevenson.

The bishop led the development of a framework for outreach and services in the parishes, chaplaincies and communities of south-east Hampshire and the Isle of Wight – called Live | Pray | Serve. Bishop Christopher speaks nationally for the bishops on economic policy, benefits and welfare, and defence. He also speaks in the House of Lords on these issues.

Between March and July last year, he live-streamed Sunday worship from his home in Fareham, alongside Sally, while parishes across the diocese were unable to hold services in church because of the Covid pandemic.



'In Flanders Fields the poppies blow'

Part 33 of a monthly series on the men of Bedhampton who lost their lives in World War 2 and whose names appear on the War Memorial in St. Thomas' or in the graveyard.

Colin Rowland Shepherd (1924-1945)

Trooper No: 14407466 – 'A' Squadron 1st Lothian Border Horse, Royal Armoured Corps

Colin was born in Portsmouth in 1924 to Horace Rowland and Gladys Irene Shepherd (née Hills). Information is sketchy about Colin and I have not found the Shepherds on the 1939 National Register. However in Probate records we learn that Colin's father Horace died on 28th September 1942 and at the time the family were living at 42, Hulbert Road, Bedhampton.

Colin served as a Trooper in 'A' Squadron, 1st Lothian Border Horse, Royal Armoured Corps.

This territorial regiment had been part of the 79th armoured Division which landed on D Day 6th June 1944. They remained in North West Europe until the end of the war. The regiment was equipped with Sherman 'Crab' Tanks. They were engaged in fierce battles with the Germans around the Dutch town of Venray.



It was on the 27th February, 1945 that Colin lost his life aged just 20. He was one of only 17 men of the regiment who lost their lives between D Day and the end of the war.

He was buried in the Commonwealth War Grave Cemetery at Venray, Limburg, Holland (*left*)

Rev. David Proud

This month marks 75 years since the publication of the **Revised Standard Version of the New Testament** (RSV). Released on 11th February, 1946, it was the first major English-language update of the Bible since the King James version published in 1611.

The RSV New Testament was mostly well received, but the Old Testament, which made use of Dead Sea Scrolls material, less so. This was due to the translation of a few words from the original Hebrew language. This may have paved the way for the NIV in 1978.

PARISH NEWS

KAMPALA

Please pray for peace in Uganda during the presidential elections as Sam and Chloe Mutton consider when to return to their home near Kampala with their new baby, Zara-Grace.

BEDHAMPTON CALENDAR 2022

Why not take some local photos for next year's Bedhampton calendar ?



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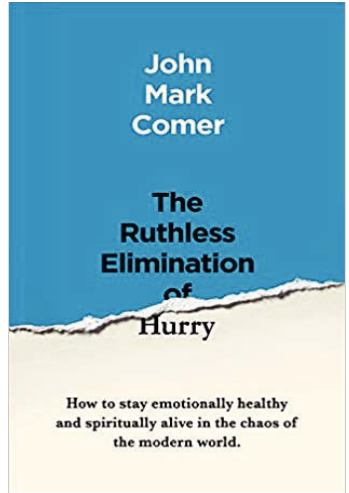
The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday which falls on 17th February. Whilst live services and meetings are very unlikely to take place, Lent courses are planned.

Starting on Wednesday 24th February (11am or 7:30pm), our Lent course is called 'Discipleship Explored'; an online video and chat looking at the book of Philippians, asking what it means to follow the crucified Christ.

If you are looking for a read during Lent, 'The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry': How to stay emotionally healthy and spiritually alive in the chaos of the modern world, is recommended. Published by Hodder & Stoughton, it is written by John Mark Comer, it is available from Amazon, either in Paperback or on Kindle. It is also available as an audiobook.

www.amazon.co.uk/dp/1529308380/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_HtWbGbYHSB3QB

Also available is the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2021, 'Living His Story': Revealing the extraordinary love of God in ordinary ways, by Hannah Steele. SPCK £7.99.



The Nation's favourite Christmas Carols 2020

As compiled by the BBC

1. O Holy Night
2. Silent Night
3. In the bleak midwinter
4. Hark the Herald Angels Sing
5. O Come All Ye Faithful
6. O Little Town of Bethlehem
7. Once in Royal David's City
8. Away in a Manger
9. Joy to the World
10. O Come, O come Emmanuel

Classic *fm* also compiled a similar list which rather surprisingly turned out to be very similar.

Seen on a church news sheet
(not ours!)

The Fasting and Prayer Conference
includes meals.

Small Groups

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

Food for thought . . .

Endurance is the ability to stand up under adversity; perseverance is the ability to progress in spite of it. - *Jerry Bridges*

The Christmas Experience in Bedhampton

As explained in the December issue, Christmas was not going to be called off, but perhaps celebrated a little differently this year. The birth of Jesus was still remembered, just like any one else's birthday. So Roger and Gill Matthews came up with the idea of illustrating the Christmas story in St Thomas' churchyard.

We would like to thank Roger and Gill and all the team for all their efforts in producing such a dramatic effect to the Christmas celebration. The event more than made up for no Crib service, no Nativity play and no Carol Service this year. 'Shedvent' which was featured last year was also not possible this year due to virus restrictions.

In spite of a few very wet days, visitors flocked to St. Thomas churchyard to witness the story telling of Christmas. It was pointed out that the models, being life size, brought it to life whilst darkness added to the tension of the event.

Parents from around the area brought their young children, and praised the efforts of those who organized and put it together. Many positive comments were received via the Parish Facebook page, which were much appreciated.



As the decision was taken not to hold a live Christingle service planned for January, oranges and the decorations were available for the children. The hearts offered to Jesus in his crib were later hung on a silver tree. The words were taken from the carol 'In the bleak midwinter' where the last verse begins: 'What I can, I give him . . . give my heart.'

As in previous months, other Christmas services were also produced on-line, on the parish website, and will continue for the foreseeable future during the current lockdown. Sunday services can also be accessed by telephone on 023 9387 7789.



MESSY CHRISTINGLE

Christingle was also not going to be called off, but was perhaps celebrated a little differently this year. We thank Max and Suzie for their time and effort in putting together the Messy Church videos, not least the Messy Christmas edition, when they told the Christmas story with the help of cartoons; Paul and Becky made angels and Max and Suzie made Christmas biscuits. Children from Bidbury School sang Carols, Silent Night and We Three Kings of Orient Are. There was also an appearance of the largest Christingle in the world, put together and explained by Max and Suzie, with full instructions on the website for viewers to make their own.



A recipe for Christmas biscuits was also included on the website with a demonstration of how to make them in the Messy Christmas video. The biscuits were intended for prayers, but guess who was caught on video eating them?

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



1st Bedhampton Scout Group

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During December we managed to do a couple of face to face meetings (under strict Covid rules). It is 1st January 2021 as I write this and sadly we are now in Tier 4 restrictions in Havant (and much of the country) and unable to meet face to face. We will be starting to plan January as online activities and hope things improve from there.



The Beavers and Cubs ended their term with a traditional Christmas party. The Scouts and Explorers were more ambitious and did a full individual Christmas dinner over a camp fire including making gravy, stuffing and more. I tried to give distributing the squirry cream to a responsible leader but it soon turned into a “How much cream can you put on an individual mince pie” competition. The evening also included the award of a Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award to an Explorer which is an extra special achievement given the Covid circumstances. The Cubs also did some beautiful Christmas craft as shown in the photo below.

New Year is a time to looking forward and the recent news on Vaccines give us hope that 2021 will be a Scouting year full of camping, activities and adventure for all of us in Scouting.



I am personally looking forward to a busy year full of camping and climbing mountains... oh yes I'm also getting married.



Have an active and adventurous start to 2021. Until next month, keep smiling, look after yourselves and each other.

Nigel Vosper

Group Administrator



GIRL GUIDING NEWS

In these uncertain times, 4th Bedhampton Guides decided to look for some positivity in the form of quotes and sayings for the new year. They brightened our day – we hope they brighten yours.



"Hakuna Matata" (meaning in Swahili) - "there are no troubles"

— Chloe and Megan



"Always act like you are wearing an invisible crown."

"Never lose your sparkle."

"Be the reason someone smiles today." - Emily

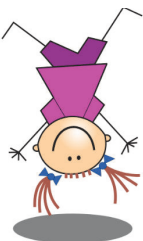
*"Never bend your head, just hold it high
And look the world straight in the eye." - Issy*



"If at first, you don't succeed, try, try and try again."

"Even if you fail, you can proceed with your dreams." - Naomi

"Let go of the past and the past will let go of you." - Isla



"Spread love wherever you go. Let no one leave you without feeling happier." Hannah

"You don't have to be perfect to be amazing." Hayley

Development in Old Bedhampton, 2021



Photo: Iain Fairley

on 4th February 2021. The Inspector's decision can be expected this spring.

You may recall that in 2019, Bargate Homes applied to build 50 dwellings on farmland, south of Lower Road. This application (APP/19/00427) was rejected by Havant Borough Council's (HBC) Development Management Committee (DMC) on 5th March 2020. Bargate subsequently appealed against this decision.

This Appeal will be heard by an Independent Inspector, commencing

However, as well as their Appeal, Bargate submitted a second application during October 2020 to build 50 houses on the same land. This application (APP/20/01031) had some minor tweaks when compared to the rejected proposal. At DMC on 13th January 2021 these changes were deemed insufficient to warrant planning permission. DMC rejected this second application using the same criteria as before, namely that the development would still cause harm to the Heritage assets of Old Bedhampton and its Conservation Area which is significantly greater than any public benefit it might generate. Bargate are entitled to appeal this decision as well. They have 6 months to make up their minds.

If all this is not complicated enough, we have to remember that the Borough's Local Plan 2037 is soon to be submitted to the Minister of State for an examination in public (EiP) to ensure that it is sound. This Plan is for the whole of the Borough's development sites including the land south of Lower Road which is known as H20. It is Bedhampton Heritage Alliance's contention that the grounds used to reject Bargate's two applications apply to the soundness of the Draft Local Plan. If accepted by the Inspector, H20 will be removed from the Local Plan. This is important as The Local Plan will become the legal document for the next 16 years. It will thus become easier to reject any speculative planning applications that do not conform with the Plan and its policies.

Iain Fairley
Bedhampton Heritage Alliance
14th January 2021

Fairtrade Fortnight: 22nd February – 7th March

It has been a terrible year for farmers and workers in the global south. In 2020, on top of the pandemic, they had to deal with the growing impact of climate change: more droughts and crop disease, locusts, floods, fires, and heatwaves. No wonder their harvests were shrinking.

Yet with the help of Fairtrade, many of these producers of food, drinks and cottons can be equipped to meet more everyday needs, and to deal with the challenges facing them. So this month, why not visit www.fairtrade.org.uk and see how you can send some support. Whether you shop or have food delivered, you can choose Fairtrade goods such as bananas, coffee, tea and chocolate. Clothing can also be sourced by purchasing carefully. Fairtrade has been working with cotton farmers since 2010. The Textile Standard works with manufacturers to improve wages, educating workers on their rights and working conditions, and engaging clothing brands to commit to fairer terms of trade.



Leave them be

The National Trust has urged the public to stay away from certain areas during breeding season this Spring. It hopes to mimic the effects of lockdown last year, which helped more vulnerable species.



The call follows the discovery last year that lockdown did our peregrine falcons, grey partridges and other species a real favour. The tern colony at Blakeney Point in Norfolk had a bumper season, with more than 200 little tern chicks fledged, the most in 25 years. Langstone Harbour is also a favoured place

for Terns. The Peak District saw more curlew, Wales saw more stoats, weasels and rabbits emerging from the woodlands whilst the ruins of Corfe Castle in Dorset became home to peregrine falcons, and a cuckoo arrived in Osterley, west London.

The birds and bees

Here is some good news: all new major roads will have wildflower-friendly verges that could boost our numbers of birds and bees.



Highway England has said that vibrant road verges will be created as standard on new roads over 300 miles in England, using low nutrient soils which will be seeded with wildflowers or left to grow naturally.

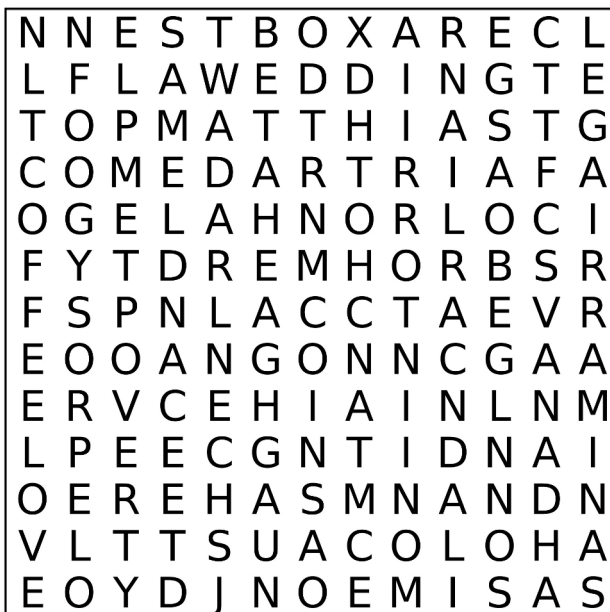
Favourite walks

Whilst we can watch programmes on TV which show us wonderful places where we can relax and walk, it must be remembered that at present we should stay local. Hopefully it will not be too long before we can venture further afield and enjoy some of these locations.

PUZZLE PAGE

Wordsearch for February

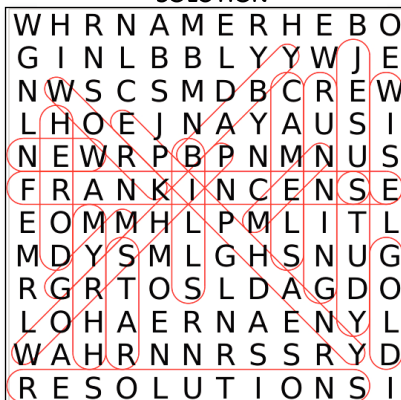
February opens with Candlemas – the naming of Jesus in the temple. Simeon and Anna praised God to see the promised Messiah, sent by a loving God to save his people. February also celebrates the love between a man and woman: Valentine cards and romance abound. ‘Love’ as in social compassion is also remembered: Fair Trade fortnight, Holocaust Memorial Day, World Leprosy Day, and National Nest Box Week.... Love is truly needed by everyone!



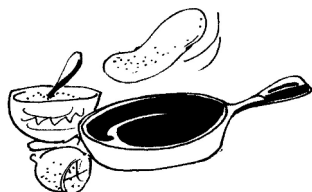
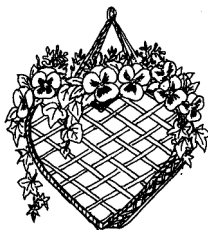
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VALENTINE'S Day
14th February



PANCAKE DAY
Shrove Tuesday
16th February

Tree falls victim to Storm Bella

One of the familiar trees along Bidbury Lane, on the grassy bank just near the west entrance gate to St Thomas, was blown down on the night of Boxing Day, one of a number of victims of Storm Bella in the south of England. Winds of up to 100 mph took its toll in many areas. Tree surgeons came on Tuesday 29th December to cut it up and remove the debris.

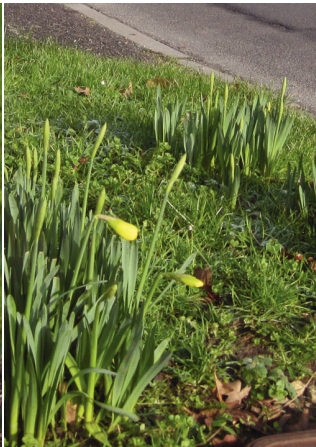


*Pictured above right: the fallen tree.
Right: The row of trees in Spring 2019.*

On a happier note, spring bulbs seem to be making an appearance earlier this year, with some having full buds already.



Sally Tritton spotted daffodils in bloom on 20th December. Our organist has daffodils in full bloom, since before Christmas (*below left*). More have been spotted in Littlepark Avenue (*middle*) and in St Thomas Churchyard (*below right*).



POETRY

Remembering John Keats

It was 200 years ago, on 23rd February 1821, that John Keats, the Romantic poet, died in Rome of tuberculosis, aged 25.

Keats was a generous, likeable and hard-working man who had much experience of suffering in his short life. He also had a love of civil and religious liberty. Most of his best work was done during the year 1819, when he was already sickening after an exhausting walking tour of the Lakes and Scotland the previous summer. In 1819 when he moved to Hampstead and fell in love with a neighbour, Fanny Brawne, 18, Keats was devoting himself poetry, having originally trained as a surgeon. He is most famous for his Odes, all of which (except the one *'To Autumn'*) were composed between March and June 1819. All of them ponder the clash between eternal ideals and the transience of the physical world.



In January 1819, John Keats spent two weeks in Bedhampton and wrote one of his best loved poems, *'The Eve of St Agnes'* during his stay at the Upper Mill House in Mill Lane.

His most famous lines: "Beauty is truth, truth beauty, – that is all / Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know." (from the Ode *'On a Grecian Urn'* - 1819.

The Stay at Home Traveller

At my kitchen table with my first mug of tea.
I think of the wonderful places I'll now never see.
I look at my postcards, some aged with sides all curled,
Dotted round my kitchen depicting all parts of the world;
Australia, Botswana, Romania, the Isle of Wight,
Killikrankie, India, Cornwall, combined make a wondrous sight.
Hippos, Lions, Tigers, churches, temples, statues and shrines,
Many icons, a rainbow of colours and paintings divine.
I've read of the histories of these places on my computer,
Used Google Maps, family blogs so no need of a tutor.
I've followed family and friends exploring North, South, West and East,
Over potholes, rivers, oceans, mountains and seas.
In my imagination I have travelled the world God did create,
Although my aged memory now's only second rate.
In fact I learned so much my brow is now heavily lined
And my brain will go blank when I am on Mastermind.
So in 2021 I am obeying the rules, staying safely at home
And not allowing the virus to continue to roam.



Marion Machell
updated January 2021

From the Parish Registers

There were no Thanksgivings, Baptisms or Weddings recently.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the families of those who have recently died.

David Milligan



THE BISHOP OF PORTSMOUTH

It has been announced that the Rt. Revd. Christopher Foster, Bishop of Portsmouth, will retire in April.

Fairtrade Fortnight:

22nd February – 7th March

Public services – on-line

Services will follow the on-line pattern with Messy Church on the first Sunday.
www.bedhamptonparish/worship

Services for February

Streamed live at 10am ON-LINE only due to Covid19 restrictions

The service continues to be available after the initial stream on the website.

SUNDAY 7th (Epiphany 5)

SUNDAY 14th (1 before Lent)

WEDNESDAY 17th Ash Wednesday

SUNDAY 21st (Lent 1)

SUNDAY 28th (Lent 2)

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Magazine



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All material for the next issue should be sent to the Parish Office, St Nicholas Church, Belmont Grove, Bedhampton, PO9 3PU by

10 am on **Wednesday 10th February**

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Services planned from SEPTEMBER 2020 onwards

BOTH CHURCHES ARE CLOSED AT PRESENT

A new pattern of services started in September, with one service in each church on each Sunday. **However, only one service will be streamed on-line and will be available every Sunday for the time being. See page 2.**

Sunday one - Online - 8am Sunday Worship Online.

Sunday one - Online - 8am Sunday Messy Church.

Sunday one - St Nicholas' - 9am Morning Worship.

Sunday one - St Thomas' - 11am Morning Prayer.

Wednesday one - St Nicholas' - 9:30am MU Holy Communion.

Sunday two - Online - 8am Sunday Worship Online.

Sunday two - St Nicholas' - 9am Morning Worship.

Sunday two - St Thomas' - 11am Holy Communion.

Wednesday two - St Thomas' - 9:30am Holy Communion.

Sunday three - Online - 8am Sunday Worship Online.

Sunday three - St Nicholas' - 9am Holy Communion.

Sunday three - St Thomas' - 11am Morning Prayer.

Wednesday three - St Nicholas' - 9:30am Holy Communion.

Sunday four - Online - 8am Sunday Worship Online.

Sunday four - St Nicholas' - 9am Morning Worship.

Sunday four - St Thomas' - 11am Holy Communion.

Wednesday four - St Thomas' - 9:30am Holy Communion.

When a month has five Sundays or Wednesdays.

Sunday five - Online - 8am Sunday Worship Online.

Sunday five - St Nicholas' - 9am Morning Worship.

Sunday five - St Thomas' - 11am Morning Prayer.

Wednesday five - St Thomas' - 9:30am Holy Communion.

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 phoning the office on 023 9245 0955. We hope the need to warn us will be removed shortly. If you have any questions contact the church office or Rev Max Cross.

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