

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

Sunday 21st February 2021

Lent 1

Theme: Discipleship Explored – Confident in Christ

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are yet without sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit, and as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save, 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

This week we begin a new topic in our exploration of what it means to become an apprentice to Jesus as our Sunday services run alongside our Lent course, Discipleship Explored. Our guide on our journey this Lent reminds us:

The word "disciple" means "follower" or "learner." A disciple of Jesus isn't some kind of super-Christian. In fact, Jesus assumes that all of his followers are disciples. Over the next eight sessions, we'll be exploring a letter written to some of the earliest Christian disciples by one of the earliest Christian leaders: Paul. He was in chains at the time, guarded day and night by a Roman soldier – and yet, as he keeps telling them, he's overflowing with joy. We're about to discover why.

This foundational week allows us to discover why we can trust in Jesus. I am extremely excited that we can continue to grow in discipleship as we head towards Easter as a distributed Church.

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10am Sunday Worship Online

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Reading 1: Philippians 1:1-11 read by Emily Ashworth

Reading 2: John 10:27-28 read by Colin Hawkes

Streamed at 10am on www.Bedhampton.tv and available shortly afterwards at www.Bedhampton.tv or by phone on 023 9387 7789.

10:45am Post Service Chat

Zoom: 239 248 3013 or [bton.uk/zoom](https://bit.ly/bton-zoom)

What's On This Week

Wednesday 24th February

8am Parish Prayer: Zoom & www.Bedhampton.church/prayer

10am Holy Communion online: Streamed on www.Bedhampton.tv and available afterwards or by phone on 023 9387 7789.

11am & 7:30pm Lent Course: Discipleship Explored. An online video and chat looking at the book of Philippians. It's not too late to book in by emailing the office or leaving a message on the answerphone.

Zoom Meetings - 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. Putting [bton.uk/zoom](https://bit.ly/bton-zoom) into your web browser will also take you to the correct place.

Dates For Your Diary

14th March – Mothering Sunday – Service details later

28th March – Palm Sunday

2nd April – Good Friday

4th April – Easter Day

Fat Rector Slim

It is 8 months, or 245 days, or 35 weeks between Valentine's day and the 16th October. Valentines was the day when the Rector stood on the scales and noticed that lockdown had not been kind to his waistline. This revelation coincided with the need to raise funds for the St Nicholas refurbishment and was the cause of a light bulb moment. Will you partner with the Rector in his health and our parish in our future mission? Match the rector £ for lb, or 50p for lb or whatever you decide, to a maximum of 35lb? Go to www.Bedhampton.church/max and make that commitment or let Max know you are onboard.

Flushed

Finally, we are but steps away from phase one of the refurbishment St Nicholas' starting with 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 or brochures can be collected from St Thomas' during the week.

Dial-A-Service

You can call 023 9387 7789 to listen to our service or sermon. They are also available at www.Bedhampton.church/worship

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 Line

Prayer is a key part of God's Kingdom coming in Bedhampton. If you have a prayer request email Prayer@Bedhampton.church or leave a message on the office phone. These will be forwarded to our band of prayer warriors. If you would like to be part of our prayer line, please contact Linda Brown using one of the same methods.

Small Groups

Are you a member of a home 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.

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.

Next Week: Sunday 28th February 2021

10am Sunday Worship Online

Lent 2

Theme: Discipleship Explored - Living in Christ

Reading 1: Philippians 1:12-26 read by Mike Tritton

Reading 2: John 14:8-21 read by Ann Partridge

Streamed at 10am on www.Bedhampton.tv and available afterwards at www.Bedhampton.tv or by phone on 023 9387 7789.

10:45am Post Service Chat - Zoom: 239 248 3013 or [bton.uk/zoom](https://www.bton.uk/zoom)

Please Pray For

Those requesting prayer:

Ann Williams; Amelia Norman; Charlie Harckham; Chris Deacon; Cliff Blofield; 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; Steven Cowan & Family; Wendy Wilbraham; Alex, Joe and Matthew.

The families of those who have recently died:

David Milligan.

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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