



Bedhampton Parish

St Thomas & St Nicholas

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

Sunday 28th February 2021

Lent 2

Theme: Discipleship Explored – Living in Christ

Collect

Almighty God you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 I read a book about a man who was being persecuted for his faith. He was just one of the many, many people who lived in a culture which did not and does not allow religious freedom. Chained in a dark, dank, unsanitary dungeon without food and water, he survived by living on what the occasional person who dared try and visit was allowed to bring in. In a letter smuggled out he said this. "Do not worry my friends, my happiness is found in living a life that pleases God. If I do that I am over the moon with joy and if I die then I will be with him, and even more happy than I am now." What makes you and me happy to be alive? Can it be taken away by some circumstance, person or pandemic? Does our life travel on a roller coaster of emotions influenced and impacted by those around us, or is there a solid foundation with joy as it's base? This week we discover how even those who suffer the most terrible hardships can know joy amongst the pain and adversity.

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**10am Sunday Worship Online
Lent 2**

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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

What's On This Week

Wednesday 3rd March

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 into your web browser will also take you to the correct place.

Dates For Your Diary

14th March – Mothering Sunday

28th March – Palm Sunday

2nd April – Good Friday

4th April – Easter Day

Roadmap Back

Your Church leadership team are looking at the impact of the government's announcement on the roadmap out of lockdown. We will publish our hopes for a return to our buildings as soon as possible.

Fat Rector Slim

Will you partner with the Rector in his health and our parish in our future mission as we raise funds for the St Nicholas refurbishment? Match the Rector's weight loss £ 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.

Week 1 - 2lb: A good start this week for Max.



Prayer Line

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.

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.

Feeling Social?

We are seeking someone to help with our social media and website. If you feel you may be able to contribute and perhaps have an eye for design, then please contact the office for more details.

Flushed

We are close to phase one of the refurbishment of St Nicholas' starting with the toilets. I am asking if you would consider partnering with us to enable this to happen. Take a moment to look at what is planned 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.

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.

Lent Groups

Missed the chance to join a Lent group? Contact Max to join one.

Next Week: Sunday 7th March 2021

10am Sunday Worship Online

Lent 3

Theme: Discipleship Explored - One in Christ

Reading 1: Philippians 1:27–2:11 read by Ann Partridge

Reading 2: Exodus 20: 1-17 read by Sandra Matthews

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; Pat Jay; 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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