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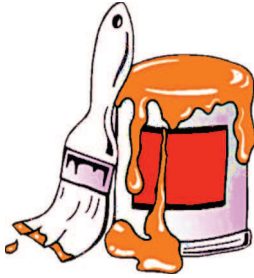
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Dear Friends,

There is a story of a returning champion who enters a city with celebration and elation. The crowds in need of some positive outlet lift him up on a pedestal and chant as he passes by. However within a few days our champion himself has in anger turned on the authorities reacting against their injustice and manipulation. He is perceived as a threat to power and, acknowledging his likely future, he withdraws to reflect with and say goodbye to his friends and family. It is in one of these moments of quiet reflection that he is finally betrayed by one of his own. Our champion is beaten and receives the harshest of punishments from the authorities as they take his life.

That is of course the journey of Jesus to his death on a cross that we remember at Easter. It is a journey that reflects his whole roller coaster of a life; a life with ups and downs and a life where he frequently withdraws to reflect and find peace. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see that there is something we, who have had a roller coaster of a year, can learn from this life. I am not by nature the type of person that finds solace in withdrawing to reflect. Show me what is broken and I will fix it, my normal approach, but there are some things you and I cannot fix.

You and I cannot fix the pain you may have over losing someone to death over the last year. Neither can we immediately fix the frustration of lockdown and impact that has had on our mental wellbeing, finances or any number of other situations in our lives. However there is some solace to be found if we follow the example of the champion and just for a moment take some time to reflect.

The 23rd March was a special day of reflection but it is not one that needs to stand alone. St Thomas' on Bidbury Lane is open for just that type of reflection 9am - 4pm every weekday. Indeed if you read this in time we will have a special opportunity to specially reflect this Easter. Our Easter Journey of the Champion Jesus around the outside of St Thomas' is one of those opportunities.

An opportunity to bring a ribbon or prayer symbolising your pain from the last year, to walk the Easter story and at the end of the journey to tie the symbol to the cross as you sit and reflect. An opportunity to reflect that the darkest moment of death for our champion was not the end, and that the hope and light of an Easter is just around the corner.



Max Cross

PARISH NEWS

ON-LINE SERVICES

From Sunday 31st January, services went live on-line. Each Sunday the service will be streamed live at 10am at

www.Bedhampton.tv

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

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

[Zoom.us/j/239248013](https://zoom.us/j/239248013)

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

Open Church

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

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

Public services

Services will follow the on-line pattern with Messy Church on some Sundays.

www.bedhamptonparish/worship

When the churches are open for public services, we ask that you inform us if you are going to attend. You can do this on-line at Bedhampton.church/book or by phone on 023 9245 0955.

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

Cover photos: Easter hope.

EASTER

We may still not be in our buildings this Easter but that does not mean we will not remember our Lord. There will be opportunities outside both St Nicholas and St. Thomas to bring our prayers and sorrows to Jesus at the Cross in our Easter Gardens and Easter Journey.

There will be a Good Friday meditation at the Cross streamed and also available as private prayer within St. Thomas. Finally, we will celebrate the risen Jesus in an on-line service on Easter Sunday.

Easter Garden Help

As part of our Easter Garden in the grounds of St. Nicholas and St Thomas, we need plants and flowers. If you feel you could help by providing some flowers or time, please contact Rev. Max Cross.



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. Prayer requests can be received by email, text or telephone. The only skill needed is the desire to pray.

FAMILY NEWS

We send our good wishes to those who celebrate anniversaries and birthdays this month including Mavis Stratton.



RETURNING TO CHURCH

It is hoped that we can restart our public services from Sunday 18th April; see page 19 for scheduled services or visit the website. Masks and hand sanitizing will still be needed as in previous months. Booking is also required so that we can keep to the restrictions of social distancing within our buildings. (Details on page 2, opposite.)



Messy Church
Watch this space
and the website
for future Messy Church events

Come and join us for . . .



. . . on-line

Mothering Sunday

The on-line service was cleverly put together as a Mum's panel with six Mums on a Zoom call. Topics discussed included the best of being a mum, the worst of being a mum and the occasional poo story. This is still available to view. Many thanks to all involved.



Parish Administrator

This is a great opportunity for the right person to join the team at Bedhampton. The role of Parish Administrator is a vital part of our mission and it is a role that we expect to develop and grow as we move forward as a parish.

Initially, part-time 15 hours, 9.30am-12.30pm, Monday to Friday with some flexibility possible. Reporting directly to Max the church leader; could you be called to help us in the mission to God's people in Bedhampton?

Please contact Rev. Max Cross or visit the parish website for more details.





Bishop's Farewell Service

On **April 24th** at 4pm there will be a service in Portsmouth Cathedral to celebrate and give thanks for Bishop Christopher's leadership in the diocese since 2010. This is a special and important service in the life of the diocese, but it takes place when we will continue to live under some restrictions due to Covid 19. It will be live-streamed to enable as many people from across our diocese to be part of the service.

It is sad that the number of those able to be physically present in the cathedral will be limited, and as such it will be by invitation only. It is the wish of Bishop Christopher that the invites will be issued to as diverse a group as possible, so the different aspects of diocesan life will be represented by those present.

Bishop Peter to retire

Many of you will remember Bishop Peter Hancock from his time as vicar of St Wilfrid's Church, Cowplain (1987-99), and as Archdeacon of the Meon (1999-2010). He also visited Bedhampton on numerous occasions to lead some of our services.

Many of you have also been praying for him after he was diagnosed as living with leukaemia. Sadly, he has now announced

that he is to retire early as Bishop of Bath and Wells on medical grounds.

Bishop Peter has been receiving treatment for leukaemia since last August. In a letter to the diocese today he wrote that while he had been hoping to return to work before long, his hospital consultant has said he will need to spend many months recovering and will initially be unable to lead services in public, use public transport or go into indoor public spaces.



Thy Kingdom Come global prayer movement's plans for 2021

The ecumenical prayer movement for evangelisation, uniting Christians in nearly 90% of countries worldwide from the Ascension to Pentecost, will be run differently this year, from the 13th-23rd May. *More details next month.*

Lessons of Lockdown

This past year may have altered your perspective on life. Some of the following statements may be worth thinking about....

- Life is precarious
- A nurse is worth more than a professional footballer
- Spare time isn't a waste of time
- A smile is precious
- Being alone isn't the same as loneliness
- Hard work doesn't guarantee employment
- I'm spending more on food & drink and less on church & charity
- Silence opens us to creative ideas
- Social media are a mixed blessing
- Shopping needn't be addictive
- Driving less and walking more is good for humanity
- Isolation teaches us we need each other to generate energy
- Getting back to 'normal' isn't God's plan for the human race
- When everything else is shut, God is open

National Day of
Reflection
23 March

National Day of Reflection

The Church of England is joining Marie Curie, Hope UK, Care for the Family, Ataloss and many other organisations on March 23rd to mark exactly a year since lockdown started with a National Day of Reflection. The idea is to:

- 1 **Take a minute to reflect** (pausing for a moment at 12noon that day);
- 2 **Take a moment to connect** (with those who have been bereaved)

The idea is that we don't just remember those who have died of Covid, but also those who have died of other causes, but had restricted numbers at funerals; those who have been ill or separated from family members; and so on. You might send a simple prayer card to a grieving family, or bless your local care home with kindness.

Whilst the day this year has already passed by the time you read this, the idea is always something to reflect on at prayer time. – Ed.

In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog to worship him and a cat to ignore him.

PARISH NEWS

Flushed – Decision

We are close to phase one of the refurbishment of St Nicholas, starting with the toilets. If you have been thinking of partnering with us to enable this to happen, now is the time to let us know.



Our Church Council meets this month to look at the way forward. More details on the plan are on the parish website, www.bton.uk/flushed or brochures can be collected from St Thomas during the week.

Details also appear in the March edition of the Parish Magazine. See page 17 for organizations which usually use St. Nicholas Church.

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? £ for lb, 50p for lb or whatever you decide, to a maximum of 35lb? Go to bton.uk/max or let Max know.

Week 1 2 lb A good start.

Week 2 2 lb Moving in the right direction.

Week 3 1 lb Keeping on track.

Week 4 1 lb Slowly does it.

The Future

Your contributions will ensure that St. Nicholas Church can continue to serve the community of Bedhampton as a place where we can celebrate and commemorate life.

SPRING (Acrostic Poem)

Spring has arrived with armfuls of blossom
Petals of every colour and hue,
Rain and sun caressing the earth
Inspiring spring bulbs to come into view
Now is the time of new beginnings
Giving us pleasure all season through.

By Megan Carter



*Helen went to church three weeks running,
so she was co-opted to the P.C.C.*

100 years of the PCC

It is one hundred years since parish churches gained the power to run their own affairs, separately from what we now regard as local government.

The religious affairs of a parish, as well as its secular business had been controlled by a single committee, which met in the church and was known as the 'Vestry'. Then, in 1894, Parish Councils were formed to deal with secular matters; the Vestry continued to oversee church affairs until 1921, when Parochial Church Councils (PCC) were established. People still get confused by the two.

Churchwardens have been around since the 13th Century and legally 'own' the movable contents of the church. They are meant to maintain order in the church and churchyard, with the assistance of their staves, if necessary. In the event of serious disorder today, a mobile phone might be a safer instrument, with staves reserved for ceremonial occasions! Churchwardens are now chosen by parishioners, though the Incumbent (i.e. Vicar or Rector) has a limited right of veto.

Today, anyone on the Electoral Roll of the church (this is another confusion, for the secular Electoral Roll is entirely separate) can attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which elects the PCC. The Incumbent is an *ex officio* member, as are other licensed clergy and Churchwardens, members of the Deanery Synod, plus any member of the Diocesan Synod and General Synod who lives in the parish or is on the Roll. The Incumbent chairs the PCC, which elects a Vice-Chair and appoints a Standing Committee to transact business between meetings.

The purpose of a PCC, which must meet at least four times a year, is to consult together with the Incumbent "on matters of general concern and importance to the parish", and that includes the "whole mission of the Church". Did you know that changes to the forms of service, or the vesture or the minister, can only happen after consultation?

Inevitably, money and building maintenance take up a lot of room on the Agenda, though we all know they are less important than mission. It is a real challenge for every PCC member to pray for non-churchgoing parishioners and to find imaginative ways of introducing them to Christ and His Church.

If you've got this far and are a member of your PCC - congratulations - you are one hundred years old this year!

Here in Bedhampton, the Annual Meeting (APCM) 2021 will take place on **Sunday 25th April at St. Nicholas Church at 11 o'clock** following a joint service at 10am. Please follow instructions to book your attendance. *See page 20.*

In 2020 the usual APCM meeting was postponed until last Autumn due to the Covid-19 virus and closure of churches.

CHANTRY QUIRE
conducted by Peter Allwood

**A Meditation
for
Passiontide**

Allegrì - *Miserere mei Deus*
and music by Byrd, Purcell, Stanford and Durullé

Available to view from
6pm Tuesday 30th March 2021

This recorded concert will be accessible via
www.chantryquire.org.uk

A video version of Chantry Quire's Passiontide Meditation, presented in previous years at Boxgrove Priory in aid of Aldingbourne Trust (www.aldingbournetrust.org). Enjoy beautiful music and readings appropriate for Holy Week. The concert is free, but donations to Aldingbourne would be very welcome. Watch the video from 6pm on 30th March via www.chantryquire.org.uk and at any time thereafter.

We are grateful to Rathbones, Louise McMurchie, Comyn & James, the Evershed family and many other friends of the choir for sponsoring this production.
Chantry Quire is a registered charity no.1189447

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**Comyn
& James**

MUSIC for PASSIONTIDE

At this time of no live concerts or performances, a number of choirs have been recording their voices at home, then all the recordings have been put together with the wonders of modern technology, to produce a performance.

One such choir is Chantry Quire based in Chichester, which normally gives a concert for Passiontide to raise money for a charity.

Music includes:
Allegrì – *Miserere mei Deus*
Byrd – Kyrie eleison

(Missa à 4)
and motets by Purcell,
Stanford and Durullé.

This recorded concert of music and readings for Passiontide, given by the Chantry Quire will be available online from **Tuesday 30th March, 6pm.**
www.chantryquire.org.uk



Other on-line seasonal events :

St Richards Singers: Come and Sing Stainer's Crucifixion
Sunday 28th March 7.30pm

Some choirs have performances available on their websites:
Portsmouth Choral Union, Renaissance Choir.

Some services during Holy Week may be streamed from
Portsmouth Cathedral.

Charles Wesley's great hymn for Easter: Christ the Lord is risen today!

Jesus's death on the cross, and His resurrection on Easter morning are both part of the redemption story. Paul links them in this way: 'He was delivered for our offences [the Cross] and raised again [the Resurrection] for our justification' (Romans 4:25). Charles Wesley does likewise in his glorious Easter anthem.

*Christ the Lord is risen today!
Sons of men and angels say.
Raise your songs and triumph high
Sing, ye heavens, thou earth reply.*

Charles wrote the hymn in 1739, a year after his Pentecost Sunday evangelical conversion, and the year in which he began his open-air preaching. Like all his hymns that followed in the next four decades, this hymn is full of New Testament references and allusions. A great stone was rolled into the opening of the grave where Jesus was laid, and as Matthew records, the Jewish authorities 'made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting a guard' (27:66). But all to no purpose! Christ, the Lord of Life, could not be imprisoned by death!

*Vain the stone, the watch, the seal
Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids Him rise
Christ hath opened Paradise!*

The NT teaches that Christ's resurrection was the Father's seal of approval on His obedient life and atoning death. His resurrection was the proof that He was indeed Jesus Christ the Lord, as Paul argues in Romans 1:4. 'Declared to be the Son of God ...by the resurrection from the dead.' Charles Wesley works these great salvation truths into his verses. 'Love's redeeming work is done.' 'Once He died our souls to save.' 'Lives again our glorious King.' 'Where, O death, is now thy sting?' As our Lord promised His disciples long ago – and still promises us; 'Because I live, you will also live' (John 14:19).

The Resurrection of Christ, viewed as a historical fact, is only part of the NT teaching. His conquest of death He now shares with all His people. Christians are the people of the Resurrection! We are now 'made alive with Christ,' 'raised up with Him,' and already seated 'in heavenly places' (Ephesians 1:4-6). Charles Wesley takes up this great theme of how believers share in their Lord's resurrection power.

*Soar we now where Christ hath led
Following our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.*

Still we seek the things above . . .

Christ has conquered hell! Death has lost its sting! The grave is spoiled! What a Saviour!
What a gospel! What a glorious hope! *Rev Dr. Herbert McGonigle, Parish Pump.*

EASTER

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Although we are not going to be able to meet physically again this year, there will be a Good Friday service, an Easter Day celebration, together with an Easter Garden, both at St Thomas and at St Nicholas.



EASTER BISCUITS

Last year Messy Church included the making (and eating!) of Easter biscuits.

This recipe is taken from BBC/ Mary Berry on-line.

Ingredients

- 100g/3½oz unsalted butter, softened
- 75g/2¾oz caster sugar, plus extra for sprinkling
- 1 free-range egg yolk
- 1 small unwaxed lemon, finely grated zest only
- 200g/7oz plain flour
- 1 level tsp each mixed spice & cinnamon
- 1–2 tbsp milk

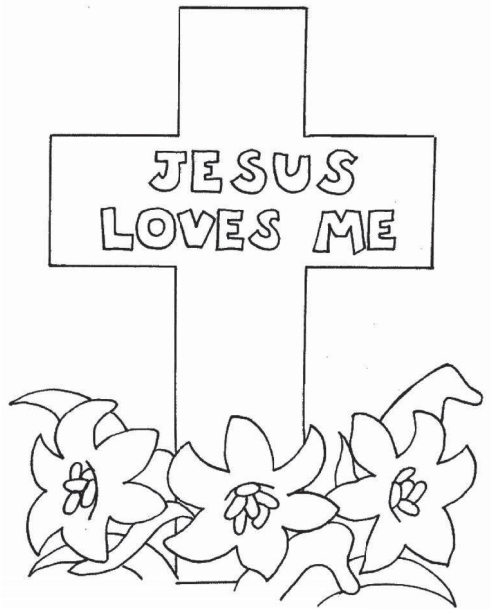
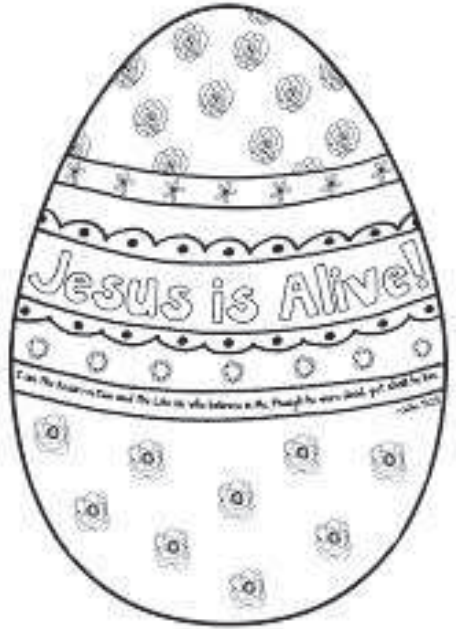


Method

1. Preheat the oven 180C/160C Fan/Gas 6. Line baking trays with baking paper.
2. Beat sugar and butter together until light and fluffy. Beat in egg yolk, stir in flour and spices, mix well and add enough milk to make a fairly soft dough.
3. Halve the mixture. For traditional currant biscuits, add 1oz currants to one half and lightly knead the dough on a floured surface and roll out to 5mm/ ¼inch thick. Using a fluted cutter, make rounds and place on baking tray. Sprinkle with castor sugar.
4. Bake for 10-15 minutes or until lightly golden.
5. For iced biscuits, knead remaining dough and roll out to 5mm/ ¼inch thick. Cut into Easter shapes with cutters, e.g. bunnies, Easter eggs, chicks. Bake for 10-15 minutes. Leave to cool.
6. Decorate with coloured icing as desired.

Other recipes are available.





YOUTH ACTIVITIES



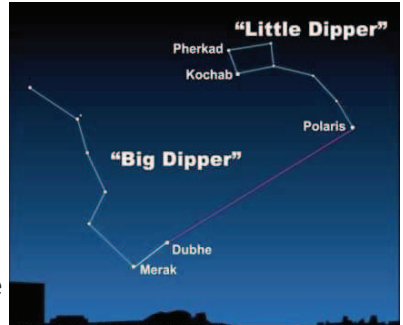
1st Bedhampton Scout Group

www.1stbedhampton.co.uk

We are at the very start of March as the daffodils are all round Bedhampton (well done to the Bedhampton volunteers). Whilst lockdown 3.0 is still going on we have just had the exciting news that we may be able to meet face to face in the last week of March (it's outdoors only, subject to Covid-19 risk assessments and other regulations).

In the meantime our hard working volunteers continue to roll out an online programme. The Beavers and Cubs receive their programme by email and it has included exploring space, healthy eating and making/eating Pancakes (not on the same night!)

The Scouts and Explorers are the older age groups and take part in a weekly Zoom video call. They have also made Pancakes (flipping pancakes whilst on Zoom is interesting), celebrated St David's Day and had a mature discussion about issues around Drugs and Alcohol.



Becky and I have decided to delay our wedding but only by 2 weeks and will hopefully allow us to have a "crowd" of 15 present. We are also planning to have a bigger celebration later in the year aka "Wedding part 2". We are extremely lucky to have 2 weddings to plan.



Finally I would like to say a big thank you to Paul Barber and Rapid Response Solutions Limited for looking after our trailer.

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

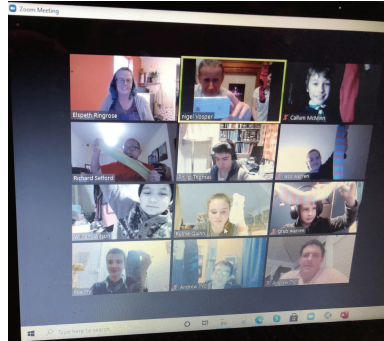


YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Cubs have spent time making things at home including this beautiful Christmas craft shown in the photo below.



Pictures that show the new normal of being part of a youth group at the moment.



Smile

*I ate a kid's meal at McDonald's today.
His mum got really angry.*

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Wordsearch for April

Life is full of ups and downs: after blessings, hard times often follow. They are not meant to destroy us but to help us grow spiritually by deepening our faith and dependence on God. The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil – to give Him the opportunity to stand fast against the enemy. The devil’s temptations were based on half-truths, which Jesus rejected by standing firm on the whole truth of Scripture. The truth sets us free!



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| passover | soldiers |
| bread | cross |
| wine | nails |
| body | vinegar |
| blood | temple |
| betrayal | curtain |
| Jerusalem | tomb |
| Pilate | angel |
| Judas | stone |
| Gethsemane | risen |
| trial | gardener |
| crucifixion | Mary |

Answers next month

MARCH WORDSEARCH
SOLUTION



SUCCESS - *A tribute to Shakespeare*

Wherefore art thou Shakespeare?
In my sore hour of need.
I am bid to pen a poem
Which others may deem to read.



Nervous, not bold, and in pensive mode
(‘Tis true to tell, I swear,
I joined the literary bards
To write ballads, sonnets and airs.

My journey – boulder strew,
With Haiku, cinquains and lists
Was wondrously uplifting
As we shared our new-found gifts.

Mirth and joy, angst and relief,
Poems were written and shared.
Along the way we gained self-belief.
We ventured, we tried, we dared.



Margaret Fitzgibbon, January 2016

Margaret was a member of the Bedhampton Poetry Group and this poem, as a tribute to Shakespeare, gives an idea of how poetry was created.

William Shakespeare was born April 1564 and died 23 April, 1616.

Margaret Fitzgibbon died in November 2019.

WHAT DID YOU DO DURING LOCKDOWNS IN 2020 and 2021?

During 2020, there were several periods of lockdown when we had to stay at home. But 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?

As 2021 continues, we are about to gradually come out from a further lockdown. Have you been inspired to start a new project whilst you follow the rules and stay at home? Or why not share what you have done on a typical day?

Either send by email to [Hello@Bedhampton.church](mailto>Hello@Bedhampton.church) OR send in writing to The Rectory. Please mark your envelope or email "Magazine".

PARISH NEWS

ST NICHOLAS' HEDGE GETS A HAIRCUT

On Thursday 4th March, our tree surgeons from Hambledon Landscapes returned to give the hedge in St Nicholas' car park, a haircut. Two things prompted this call: the County Council served us with a notice saying that our hedge was obscuring the street light (I managed to trim the vegetation to clear this) and the whole hedge was in an overgrown state.

Before this could happen, Sandra and I spent some time looking for birds' nests. There was one, but it was last year's. Phew!

After much discussion, we agreed to reduce the hedge to 6 foot and leave three trees in position: an Ash, a Hawthorne and a Bay, reducing their canopies slightly – giving the whole structure some kind of balance.

The pavement in Queen Anne's Drive is now clear to walk and the car park is clear to park, next to the hedge.

Thank you to the team for a superb job and it was a pleasure to meet up with them again.

Alec Matthews



L-R Jack, Charlie and Simon



APRIL 23rd – ST GEORGE’S DAY

The Saint of an English Army before he was Patron Saint of England, St George may have been a soldier, but he was no Englishman. Some stories say that he was an officer in the Roman army under Diocletian, who refused to abandon his faith during the Terror, and was martyred at Lydda in Palestine. Over the years, St. George became the example of a Christian fighting-man, a powerful helper against evil powers affecting individual lives. He was the soldier-hero of the Middle Ages, of whom remarkable deeds were reported.



We celebrate St George, famous for slaying a dragon, a tradition which became popular in the Middle Ages. Whether he killed an actual dragon is open to question! However, as a Roman soldier at the time of Emperor Diocletian, he refused to renounce his faith, as commanded by the Emperor, resulting in his death on 23rd April, 303 AD.

Today, we are still called to stand for Christ against wrongs and injustice in daily life, whatever the personal cost. However, we also need to be ready to look our enemies in the eye and meet their hostility with love and compassion. This is why we also remember that Jesus died and rose again, so that we might have God’s power to do this in our lives.



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BEDHAMPTON CALENDAR 2022

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



Send to the Parish Office



St Nicholas Church

Two halls and a well equipped kitchen available for private hire, children’s parties, etc.

Please contact the office on 023 9248 3013

COMMUNITY

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Most of these groups are not meeting at present until virus restrictions are lifted. Most groups meet at St Nicholas Church. More information may be found on the websites of these organisations. Youth groups are 'meeting' on-line, but hoping to have face to face meetings very soon when restrictions are eased.

Bidbury Mead W.I. 3rd Thursday of the month, 7.30pm

Coffee mornings at St Nicholas: Fridays 10.30am

Mothers' Union: Wednesday afternoons twice a month

Portsmouth Fine Arts Society: 2nd Thursday of the month 2.00pm

Slimming World: Friday mornings

St Nick's Flicks: Tuesday afternoons, monthly

Girlguides: Brownies, Rainbows

Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Explorers

Fun Club, Mini Multiples

Poetry group: Mondays monthly, Bidbury House

Cantemus Choir: Bedhampton Methodist Church; Tuesdays 7.30pm

Folks in Harmony: Bedhampton Community Centre; Thursdays 7.30pm

Other groups which usually meet at Bedhampton Community Centre include dancing, knitting, and stroke club.



Signs found outside churches....

- * Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside!
- * Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!
- * Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world.

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.



Lilian Jones
Ron Knight
Olive Sheasby

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our friend Olive. She died peacefully on 17th March with her family around her.

April 23rd: St George's Day

Birthday of our Queen

Happy Birthday to Queen Elizabeth who will be 95 on April 26th.

Services for April

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

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

SUNDAY 4th (Easter Sunday)

SUNDAY 11th (Easter 2)

SUNDAY 18th (Easter 3) Back to Church:

9am St Nicholas: Holy Communion

11am St Thomas: Holy Communion

SUNDAY 25th (APCM at St Nicholas)

Service 10am, APCM 11am & Zoom



MAY 2021

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 **Tuesday 6th April**

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Tracey Smith

Parish Administrator : vacant 023 9248 3013

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Email: Hello@Bedhampton.church

Services from SEPTEMBER 2020 onwards

BOTH CHURCHES ARE STILL 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 at 10am for the time being.**

Sunday one - Online - 8am Sunday Worship Online.

Sunday one - Online - 8am Sunday, Messy Church, NB Not every month .

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.

These details may not be entirely accurate.

Please check the website in case anything changes at short notice.

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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