



Bedhampton Parish

St Thomas & St Nicholas

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

Sunday 7th March 2021

Lent 3

Theme: Discipleship Explored – One in Christ

Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace, through Jesus Christ 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

After our call to discipleship and putting God first last week we continue this week to work out what that means in practice. This week is all about unity and when we unite under the umbrella of Jesus Christ as his people here in Bedhampton that is when we see God's Kingdom come. One of the ways we can unite is to almost literally by singing from the same hymn sheet. I stretch that metaphor perhaps beyond breaking point to introduce to you another opportunity to move on in your discipleship and unite with me and others over the next year. Bitesize Bible is a chance to walk through God's guidance and inspiration for our life every day. Join others to read or listen to each day the amount that you choose to read of the Bible. Ask real questions about what you have read without feeling that everyone else knows the answer and you don't. Discover that God's word is as real for today as it has always been.

You may be able to tell I am a little more than excited to see what God is going to do with this opportunity.

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

10am stream on www.Bedhampton.tv and Facebook.

Afterwards at www.Bedhampton.tv or by phone 023 9387 7789.

10:45am Post Service Chat - Zoom: 239 248 3013 or bton.uk/zoom

What's On This Week

Wednesday 10th March

8am Parish Prayer: www.Bedhampton.tv, Facebook or Zoom.

10am Holy Communion online: Streamed on www.Bedhampton.tv or Facebook 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 work.

Dates For Your Diary

28th March – 4th April – Easter Journey

28th March– Palm Sunday

2nd April – Good Friday

4th April – Easter Day

5th April – Bible reading plan begins

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 bton.uk/flushed or brochures can be collected from St Thomas' during the week.

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 bton.uk/max and make that commitment or let Max know you are onboard.

Week 2 - 2lb (4lb): Moving in the right direction.



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.

The 'Bitesize' Book Club!

Join us as we start a new daily 'bitesize' Bible reading club this Easter. Receive readings by email, text or by simply reading this News Sheet. Let the office know you wish to join the journey and discussion.

Mothering Sunday

If you know any children who would like to surprise Mum with a special gift we are here to help. The Mothers Union are offering flowers and cards to make for that special Mum. They can be collected on Saturday 14th 10 am to 12 noon from the car park of St Nicholas.

David Milligan

Denise and family would like to say a big thank you for all the messages of love, prayers and support that they received following their bereavement. Thank you all.

Parish Magazine

Fleur asks when is a problem a problem? Messy church is back and why are we flushed with future opportunity? Pick up the March copy from St Thomas' or download from bton.uk/magazine

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 14th March 2021

**10am Sunday Worship Online
Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday**

Theme: Discipleship Explored – Obedient in Christ

Reading 1: Philippians 2:12-30 read by Catherine Langhorn

Reading 2: John 19:25-27 read by Suzy Cross

10am stream on www.Bedhampton.tv and Facebook.

Afterwards at www.Bedhampton.tv or by phone 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; Chris Deacon; Cliff Blofield; Gisela; Joe; Jon & Naomi Gould; Pat Jay; 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.

Church Building Information

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Following the announcement of a roadmap out of lockdown, we will publish our hopes for a return to our buildings as soon as possible.

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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