



Bedhampton Parish

St Thomas & St Nicholas

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

Sunday 11th April 2021

Easter 2

Collect

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son 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

Submitted for publication before the receipt of the news that His Royal Highness the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh had died.

There has been a fair bit of rejoicing recently. We have seen rejoicing as the vaccine rollout gains momentum, enabling the Government to slowly return our freedoms. There has been rejoicing as we have set a date of return to our buildings for public worship. Then there has also been rejoicing of the movement from the darkness of Good Friday to the light of Easter Sunday. Talking of which I want to say thank you to all involved in the Easter Journey and gardens, because I have been rejoicing in the response of those who visited these over Easter. The conversations I had as I bumped into people whilst I was walking past both of the church buildings has encouraged my heart in what could have been a time of sadness. The impact on those spoken with was huge and leads me to wonder about the many people who walked through the journey or left a prayer on the cross that I did not see for myself. This week as we look at "Rejoicing in Christ", in our slightly elongated Lent series Discipleship Explored, would you join with me in praying for those people? Let us pray that they will walk towards the light of Christ. Let us pray that as we return to public worship, they will join us on the journey of discipleship with Jesus.

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10am Sunday Worship Online

Easter 2

Discipleship Explored – Rejoicing in Christ

Reading 1: Philippians 4:1-9 read by Rosalynd Hall

Reading 2: Matthew 6:5-13 read by Catherine Langhorn

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://bit.ly/btonukzoom)

What's On This Week

Bitesize Bible Weekly Readings

Gospels Matthew 4:1-5:32

New Testament: Acts 4:23-7:60

Old Testament: Genesis 18-30

Wisdom & Poetry: Psalms 7-12s

Open Church

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

Wednesday 14th April

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.

Zoom Meetings - www.zoom.us

The default meeting ID is 239 248 3013. This will place you in a waiting room and you will be let in by the leader of the meeting. You can also call 020 3481 5240 and enter the meeting ID. Putting [bton.uk/zoom](https://bit.ly/btonukzoom) into your web browser will also take you to the correct place.

Dates For Your Diary

18th April - Return to 'live' services at St. Nicholas' and St. Thomas' (see note under 'News')

News

Sunday & Wednesday Services

We return to our church buildings next Sunday 18th April. Starting with Holy Communion services at 9am for St Nicholas' and 11am for St Thomas'. In addition, future 9.30am Wednesday Holy Communion services will be held at St Thomas'. If you require help with transport, please contact the office. There is no need to book for any services, but face coverings must be worn, and we will record contact details for those who attend in line with Covid regulations. Online services will also continue.

'Bitesize' Bible Reading Plan

It's not too late to join our new daily 'bitesize' Bible reading plan. Read just what you feel you can bite off. Let the office know you wish to join the journey and you will receive daily readings by email. You can also pick up a booklet from St Thomas', download to follow along from bton.uk/bible or see this week's readings in the "What's on" section on this sheet.

Fat Rector Slim

Sponsor the Rector £ for 1lb or whatever you decide (max 35lb), as we raise funds for the St Nicholas refurb. Contact Max to commit.

Week 7: - 0?lb (8lb/35lb)

That's Easter for you.



Updated APCM Information

Following the receipt of updated guidance the annual meeting will now take place at 11am on the 4th July following a joint 10am service at St Nicholas'.

A revised electoral roll is still being prepared for the annual meeting. If you wish to be removed or added to the roll, please contact the office before the end of April. There is no need to inform us if you wish to remain on the roll. Anyone wishing to stand for the Parochial Church Council should also contact the office before the end of April.

His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

We all received with sadness the news that His Royal Highness the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh died on Friday. We lift our prayers for Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal family.

For those who wish to pray and reflect there is a small memorial table in St Thomas' which is open this weekend and during the week 9am – 4pm. Sadly we are guided that we may not have a physical condolences book. You may leave a message of condolence on the national Church of England site at www.Bedhampton.church/hrh

Next Week: Sunday 18th April

Easter 3

Discipleship Explored – Content in Christ

**St Nicholas'
9am Holy Communion**

Reader 1: Emily Ashworth
Reading 1: Philippians 4:10-23
Reader 2: Service Leader
Reading 2: Luke 12:13-34
Prayers: Fleur Bragaglia

**St Thomas'
11am Holy Communion**

Reader 1: Ann Partridge
Reading 1: Philippians 4:10-23
Reader 2: Service Leader
Reading 2: Luke 12:13-34
Prayers: Sandra Matthews

**Sunday Worship Online
www.Bedhampton.tv or by phone on 023 9387 7789**

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; Wendy Wilbraham; Alex, Joe and Matthew.

The families of those who have recently died:

Olive Sheasby, Diane McKay.

Contact Us

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