



# Bedhampton Parish

St Thomas & St Nicholas

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

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**Easter 3**

**Collect**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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**

Ask many people what the purpose of life is, and they will tell you it is to be happy. That may not be entirely a Biblical concept and perhaps it could be argued that our purpose is to worship God, but we shall get to that another time. Let's agree for a moment that happiness is actually the goal for many people, the question then becomes what makes us happy? If it is being with friends and family then there will have been a lack of contentment this last year. If happiness is found in owning fast cars and a big house, then 99% of the world's population are in the unhappy zone. This is not a trivial conversation to have. We see the repercussions of people seeking happiness in all the wrong places ending up in disaster in our society. Is there anyone of us that does not have their own story, however small, about making a bad decision? A choice that has led us down a path that caused pain when we were simply looking for happiness? A great faith leader once claimed, *"I've found the recipe for being happy whether full or hungry, hands full or hands empty."* No, it wasn't Jesus, but that is some claim, isn't it? A claim we shall investigate as our topic this week, when yes, the answer no doubt will be Jesus. But there is a little more to it than that, so join us as we investigate being happy and content.

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### 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

Service streamed live at 9am  
on [www.Bedhampton.tv](http://www.Bedhampton.tv)

#### 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

Service streamed at 4pm  
on [www.Bedhampton.tv](http://www.Bedhampton.tv)

## What's On This Week

### Bitesize Bible Weekly Readings

Gospels Matthew 5:33-6:29      Old Testament: Genesis 31-40  
New Testament: Acts 8:1-10:48      Wisdom & Poetry: Psalms 13-18:24

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April

**8am Parish Prayer:** [www.Bedhampton.tv](http://www.Bedhampton.tv), Facebook or Zoom.

**9.30am Holy Communion:** Said Holy Communion at St Thomas'.

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

**10am Online Holy Communion:** Said Holy Communion streamed on [www.Bedhampton.tv](http://www.Bedhampton.tv) or Facebook and available afterwards.

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April

**1:30pm Wedding:** Please pray for Becks Duffy and Nigel Vosper.

### Zoom Meetings - [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)

Meetings 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. Going to [bton.uk/zoom](http://bton.uk/zoom) will redirect you to the correct place.

## Dates For Your Diary

**4th July** - Annual Meeting 11am following a joint 10am service.

## News

### **Bedhampton Services**

We return to our church buildings this week to continue with our 9am and 11am Sunday and the 9.30am Wednesday in-person services. Sunday Compline and Celtic Evening Prayer will return in May. We will stream live our St Nicholas' 9am service on Bedhampton.tv, Facebook and YouTube. We are unable to install broadband at St Thomas' so we will need to record those services. Sunday's service will stream Sunday at 4pm and the Wednesday service will be streamed at 10am on Thursdays. All services will remain available on our website after they have initially been published for those who wish to catch-up later with these.

### **APCM, PCC & Electoral Roll**

The annual meeting date has been moved and will now take place at 11am on 4<sup>th</sup> July following a joint 10am service at St Nicholas'. You may attend in-person or via Zoom. A revised electoral roll is being prepared for the annual meeting. If you wish to be removed or added to the roll, please contact the office. There is no need to inform us if you would like to remain on the roll. Any one wishing to stand for the Parochial Church Council should also contact the office a.s.a.p.

### **Children & Young People**

We have been praying consistently over the last year about how we serve Children and Young People. As we return to in-person services and as an interim solution we will provide family bubble tables at our St Nicholas' 9am service. In addition to including everyone in our services, there will be activities based around the subject matter for the day. Please continue to pray for this important part of our Church.

### **HRH The Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh**

Sadly, our Sunday service last week was prepared before the news that His Royal Highness had died. However, in remembrance of His Royal Highness this last Wednesday we were able to share a Holy Communion service. This can be accessed on our service site at Bedhampton.tv You may also leave a message of condolence on the national Church of England site at [www.Bedhampton.church/hrh](http://www.Bedhampton.church/hrh)

### **Fat Rector Slim**

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

Week 8: - 1b (9lb/35lb)  
Yippee moving again.



**Next Week: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

**Easter 4 - Journeying Onwards**

**St Nicholas'  
9am Morning Worship**

Reader 1: Suzy Cross  
Reading 1: Exodus 14:5-14,26-31  
Reader 2: Tracey Smith  
Reading 2: Luke 10:1-12  
Prayers: Emily Ashworth

**St Thomas'  
11am Holy Communion**

Reader 1: Catherine Langhorn  
Reading 1: Exodus 14:5-14,26-31  
Reader 2: Service Leader  
Reading 2: Luke 10:1-12  
Prayers: Sandra Matthews

**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.

**Message from Sally & Mike Tritton**

We would like to send a huge thank you to our amazing Church family who walked with us, prayed with us, prayed for us, fed us and loved us whilst our daughter Alex was in hospital for 11 weeks with Covid and sepsis. We witnessed the incredible work of the NHS and praised God as He worked many miracles over this period. Alex has a long journey ahead of her but thank God she is now home and doing well. Please continue to hold her in your prayers as she works with the physios to gain back her mobility.

**Contact Us**

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