



Bedhampton Parish

St Thomas & St Nicholas

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

Sunday 25th April 2021

Easter 4

Collect

Almighty Father, whose son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in Him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Rector's Comments

A couple of years ago I went for a short stroll with a few friends. We walked part of the Camino Francés which goes from St Jean Pied de Port in France to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. It was an incredible journey, one that I shall never forget, and one that changed my perspective on life's journey. I finally learnt what the Bible had been screaming out from its pages for many years. When we journey with God and with the people of God there is nothing to fear, and much to be excited about. As we begin to come out of the restrictions placed upon us by this dreadful virus and as we heal from the impact it has had on us it is natural to be concerned for the future. Whilst there has been much to celebrate there is little doubt that the last year has impacted our journey here in Bedhampton. Just as we were gathering momentum and seeing God's Spirit bring his Kingdom, we found ourselves in front of this obstacle we call Covid. It is not the first time the people of God have come across an immovable object and feared what the future might hold and yet seen God move. On my walk I also hit a wall when I pulled a muscle and for several days feared that I would not make the destination. However, with God's healing power and with the help from some fellow pilgrims, I completed the journey. This week we take stock on Bedhampton's journey as we gather with the people of God seeking His Spirit as we journey on.

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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

Service streamed at 6pm
on www.Bedhampton.tv

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

Service streamed at 4pm
on www.Bedhampton.tv

What's On This Week

Bitesize Bible Weekly Readings

Gospels: Matthew 8:1-9:38
New Testament: Acts 11:1-14:28
Old Testament: Genesis 41-49
Wisdom & Poetry: Psalms 18:25-22:31

Wednesday 28th April

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

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

Thursday 29th April

10am Online Holy Communion: Said Holy Communion streamed on www.Bedhampton.tv or Facebook and available afterwards.

Zoom Meetings - 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 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 are back in our church buildings and continue with our 9am and 11am Sunday and the 9.30am Wednesday in person services. Sunday Compline and Celtic Evening Prayer will return from 2nd May at 6pm. ***After testing we have discovered that we are unable to stream live our services at the moment and are working on upgrades. Therefore, the Sunday services will be streamed at 4pm for St Thomas' and 6pm for St Nicholas' on Bedhampton.tv, Facebook and YouTube.*** 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.

Congratulations

We send our congratulations and good wishes for a long and happy married life to Nigel and Becky Vosper who were married in St. Thomas' Church on 24th April.

Food Bank

Donations for the Foodbank can be brought to the services and placed in the boxes available, or you can continue to use the black box by the front door at The Rectory, Bidbury Lane.

Flowers

As they step down, we would like to thank Sue Montgomery and Pam Facer who have both lead the teams who provide the flowers at our two venues. It would help to have a few more people on the rota at this time. If you are able to join the team, contact the office or speak to Tracey Smith for St Nicholas' or Ann Partridge for St Thomas' to find out more.

APCM, PCC & Electoral Roll

The annual meeting date has been moved and will now take place at 11am on 4th 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. Anyone wishing to stand for the Parochial Church Council should also contact the office a.s.a.p.

Fat Rector Slim

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

Week 9: - 0lb (9lb/35lb)
Stable. Best I go for a run.



Next Week: Sunday 2nd May

Easter 5 – Matthew: Beware Tradition

**St Nicholas'
9am Morning Worship**

Reader 1: Alyson Johnstone
Reading 1: 1 Samuel 21:1-9
Reader 2: Suzy Cross
Reading 2: Matthew 12:1-21
Prayers: Mike Tritton

**St Thomas'
11am Morning Prayer**

Reader 1: Ann Partridge
Reading 1: 1 Samuel 21:1-9
Reader 2: Janice Stott
Reading 2: Matthew 12:1-21
Prayers: Linda Brown

Please Pray For

Street Prayer

Please pray for the residents of Purbrook Way this week.

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.

Contact Us

Parish Office:

The office is currently closed.
Email and phone may still be used.
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