



Bedhampton Parish

St Thomas & St Nicholas

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

Sunday 2nd May 2021

Easter 5 – Matthew: Beware Tradition

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Rector's Comments

Last week we looked at what the future might hold and how we journey forward with God as we **ACT**. **A**ccept that everything changes, however difficult we may find it, but that God **C**ollaborates with us by using us to bring His Kingdom. Finally, we can and must **T**rust that good will be with us on that journey forward as we **ACT**. I would encourage you to take a moment to watch that reflection at bedhampton.church/act if you missed it. This week the reflection heads in the other direction looking at what Jesus said about tradition as we return to reading through the Gospel of Matthew. Again if you have missed previous reflections in this series bedhampton.church/matthew is the place to review them. In the same passage where Jesus speaks on tradition, we also see Jesus heal people and are reminded that Jesus is the Chosen Servant. It's a great reminder that the God we trust will be with us to the very end of the age, is worthy of our worship and that trust. It is amazing that the all-powerful creator God has chosen to serve and love us. Even in our doubts and concerns that our traditions are being eroded away, we can know that Jesus is the same today as he was yesterday and will be tomorrow. Now whatever our views on tradition are that is one worth hanging on to.

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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

Service streamed at 6pm
on www.Bedhampton.tv

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

Service streamed at 4pm
on www.Bedhampton.tv

6pm Compline

Leader: Sandra Matthews

What's On This Week

Bitesize Bible Weekly Readings

Gospels: Matthew 10:1-12:37
New Testament: Acts 15:1-17:34
Old Testament: Genesis 50 – Exodus 15
Wisdom & Poetry: Psalms 23-28

Wednesday 5th May

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

9.30am Holy Communion: All are welcome to the **Mothers' Union** Holy Communion at St Thomas'. Stay for a chat, drink and nibble afterwards.

Thursday 6th May

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.

Especially Good News

We have appointed a new Parish Administrator. We look forward to welcoming Deb Vears who will join us on Tuesday, May 4th.

Holy Communion & Chat

Do you remember when we used to be able to chat to people over a hot drink? Well, they are back! Join us for a drink and cake following our Wednesday Holy Communion. Let us worship together and then catch up over a cuppa. Wednesday Communion is held at St Thomas' at 9.30am.

Parish Magazine

Our magazine is a vital part of our communication to our community, and Max comments he often has conversations with people who enjoy it and who do not normally come on a Sunday. We really need help with the preparation of the magazine now. Could you help? Come and join the team. Speak to Max or Carol Frogley today.

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 10: -1lb (10lb/35lb)
The run worked,
now to move on.



Flowers

It would help to have a few more people on the flower rota at this time. If you can join the team, contact the office, or speak to Tracey Smith for St Nicholas' or Ann Partridge for St Thomas'.

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.

APCM, PCC & Electoral Roll

The annual meeting will 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. Any one wishing to stand for the Parochial Church Council should also contact the office a.s.a.p.

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.

Next Week: Sunday 9th May

Easter 6 – Matthew: Brood of Vipers

**St Nicholas'
9am Morning Worship**

Reader 1: Tracey Smith
Reading 1: 1 Samuel 16:1-13
Reader 2: Lynda Worley
Reading 2: Matthew 12:22-37
Prayers: John Bragaglia

**St Thomas'
11am Holy Communion**

Reader 1: Mike Case
Reading 1: 1 Samuel 16:1-13
Reader 2: Service Leader
Reading 2: Matthew 12:22-37
Prayers: Sandra Matthews

Please Pray For

Street Prayer

Please pray for the residents of South Downs Rise 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.

Those recently married:

Mr & Mrs Nigel & Becks Vosper.

The families of those who have recently died:

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