



Bedhampton Parish

St Thomas & St Nicholas

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

Sunday 9th May 2021

Easter 6 – Matthew: Brood of Vipers

Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 forever.

Rector's Reflections

Thursday is Ascension Day, the day we remember Jesus returning to His Father. He did not of course leave us alone but left us with a 'Helper' in God's Holy Spirit which we remember ten days later on Pentecost Sunday. Whilst we make a choice to receive God's Holy Spirit, I have no doubt that He is seeking to communicate with us way before we are aware of it. Perhaps like me you can look back upon your life and remember moments before you were consciously aware of God speaking to you through His Spirit. It is for this very reason that God does communicate to his creation, that the Archbishops call us to prayer every year between Ascension and Pentecost for God's Kingdom to come. Thy Kingdom Come is an opportunity to pray as not only a nation, but indeed throughout the world that we might see the impact of the Holy Spirit on God's creation. Because God typically works through those who follow Him, it is especially an opportunity to pray for five or so people you know to discover Jesus for themselves. I can share the good news that this prayer does indeed see people moving towards Jesus, as two of the people I pray for will be baptised on Pentecost Sunday. So, this week let us take the time to gather those five or so people to mind. Then whether we do it at home, online with the prayer reflections or at the prayer stations in St Thomas' let us commit to pray for His Kingdom to come in their lives. Amen.

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**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: Max Cross

Service streamed at 6pm on
www.Bedhampton.tv

**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

Service streamed at 4pm on
www.Bedhampton.tv

What's On This Week

Bitesize Bible Weekly Readings

Gospels: Matthew 12:38- 14:36
New Testament: Acts 18:1 - 20:38
Old Testament: Exodus 16 – Exodus 31
Wisdom & Poetry: Psalms 29 - 34

Wednesday 12th May

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

9.30am Holy Communion: Holy Communion at St Thomas'. Stay for a chat, drink, and nibble afterwards.

Thursday 13th May : Ascension Day

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

Thursday 13th May – 23rd May : Thy Kingdom Come

8am Daily Reflection: A short online daily reflection on www.Bedhampton.tv or Facebook. This will remain available afterwards.

9am – 4pm Prayer Stations: Available inside St Thomas' an opportunity for private prayer as you walk around the prayer stations

Dates For Your Diary

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

News

Christian Aid

Christian Aid week is from 10th – 16th May. Envelopes will be in the churches to receive donations, small or large, to help people in crisis. So many are suffering through hunger resulting from the climate crisis, coronavirus, and all manner of diseases. They need our help.

Summer Show 2021

The lifting of lockdown will not allow enough time to make all the necessary arrangements and secure the resources needed to have a show this year. We do hope to host a Summery fayre at St Nicholas, so keep an eye out for publicity. The show is a key to our community engagement as well as funding and it would be great to have full representation on the committee. Anyone who could help by joining the committee should contact the parish office today.

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. We really need help with the preparation of the magazine now. If you can help please speak to Max or Carol Frogley today.

Prayer Line

If you would like to be part of our prayer line, please contact Linda on Prayer@Bedhampton.church or leave a message on the office phone. If you have a prayer request use one of the same methods. These will then be forwarded to our band of prayer warriors.

John Martin is moving

After 52 years living in Havant, John is moving to live nearer his family in St. Albans. He would like to keep in touch with all his friends in Bedhampton. Please contact him before the end of May for his new address.

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.

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 11: 0-lb (10lb/35lb).

Better zero than –a minus I guess!



Next Week: Sunday 16th May

Easter 7 – Matthew: Family

**St Nicholas'
9am Holy Communion**

Reader 1: Neville Quick
Reading 1: Jonah 3:1-10
Reader 2: Service Leader
Reading 2: Matthew 12:38-50
Prayers: Suzy Cross

**St Thomas'
11am Morning Prayer**

Reader 1: Carol Frogley
Reading 1: Jonah 3:1-10
Reader 2: Ann Partridge
Reading 2: Matthew 12:38-50
Prayers: Linda Brown

6pm Celtic prayer

Please Pray For

Street Prayer

Please pray for the residents of Maylands Road 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.

Staying Contacted

Dial-A-Service & Online Services

You can call 023 9387 7789 to listen to our service or sermon. They are also available at www.Bedhampton.tv

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 btouk.zoom.us will redirect you to the correct place.

Contact Us

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