



# Bedhampton Parish

St Thomas & St Nicholas

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

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**Easter 7 – Matthew: Family**

### **Collect**

O God the king of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **Rector's Reflections**

“Well I was sitting, waiting, wishing you believed in superstitions then maybe you'd see the signs.” The opening words to a Jack Johnson love song. Perhaps unintentionally these are perfect words for where we find ourselves this week. Last Thursday we remembered Jesus' ascension back to the Father and now we sit with the apostles in the still moment before Pentecost next Sunday when He sends his Holy Spirit. I have come to appreciate these reflective moments in our calendar when we get to take stock of what is important.

During this period of praying for God's Kingdom to come in others' lives perhaps we might take a moment to consider our own journey with God. Have we taken the time to sit and wait on God's Spirit to come in our lives? Have we been sitting and waiting for too long and now is the time for us to reach out, cry out and make that move? I can only imagine the fear of the apostles as they waited in that space not knowing that Jesus would be true to his promise and send a helper in the Holy Spirit. Little did they know that when Pentecost did come it would turn their world upside down.

So, this week let us sit, wait and reflect because I can see the signs, He is coming and He wants to turn our world upside down.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**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

**18.00 Celtic Evening Prayer**

**What's On This Week**

**Bitesize Bible Weekly Readings**

Gospels: Matthew 15: 1-20 - 17:14-27  
New Testament: Acts 21:1 - 24  
Old Testament: Exodus 32-40 Leviticus 1 - 7  
Wisdom & Poetry: Psalms 35 - 39

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

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

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

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

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

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May – 23<sup>rd</sup> May : Thy Kingdom Come**

**8am Daily Reflection:** A short online daily reflection on [www.Bedhampton.tv](http://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**

**3rd July** Provisional date for Summer fayre at St Nicholas.  
Provisional date for Olive Sheasby memorial service.

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

## News

### **Al Fresco St Nicholas'**

If Sunday mornings look dry and not too blowy you may wish to bring a jumper or coat to the St Nicholas' service. We may hold our service outside where we are allowed to **sing** our worship to our Lord. Although with the rain it won't be this week.

### **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 Summer 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.

### **Hymns in the park**

It has been agreed that this event can go ahead. The provisional date is 18<sup>th</sup>. July. Stay tuned for further information.

### **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.

### **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](http://www.Bedhampton.tv)

### **Office Phone Outage**

Please note that on 24<sup>th</sup> May the office phone supplier is changing. It is possible that on that day you may find you are unable to contact the office by phone. If your message is urgent, please contact Max or one of the Wardens.

### **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.


### **Prayer Line**

If you would like to be part of our prayer line, please contact Linda on [Prayer@Bedhampton.church](mailto:Prayer@Bedhampton.church) or leave a message on the office phone. If you have a prayer request use one of the same methods.

### **Do You Have Questions?**

Is there something you've always wondered? Are you curious about a bible passage? Max is planning a series of sermons about 'frequently asked questions'. Please contact him with any questions you may have.

### **Fat Rector Slim**

Sponsor the Rector £ for 1b or whatever you decide (max ) (max 35lb), as we raise funds for the St Nicholas refurb. Contact Max to commit. Week 12: 0-1b (10 lb/35lb)

**Next Week: Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Pentecost**

**St Nicholas'  
9am Morning Worship**

Reader 1: Vicki Spencer  
Reading 1: Acts 2: 1-21  
Reader 2: Pete Spencer  
Reading 2: John 15: 26-16: 15  
Prayers: Rosalynd Hall

**St Thomas'  
11am Holy Communion**

Reader 1: Peter Hirsch  
Reading 1: Acts 2: 1-21  
Reader 2: Service Leader  
Reading 2: John 15: 26- 16: 15  
Prayers: Suzy Cross

**Please Pray For**

**Street Prayer**

Please pray for the residents of Scratchface Lane 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.

**Contact Us**

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