



Bedhampton Parish

St Thomas & St Nicholas

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

Sunday 23rd May 2021

Pentecost

Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Rector's Reflection

This week we take a brief interlude in our journey through Matthew for Pentecost and then next week for Trinity Sunday. But what is Pentecost? Is it simply the fiftieth day of Easter? It is of course that, but so much more. It is the day Jesus sent His Spirit that we might be included in his plan to see God's Kingdom come to this world, that we might be guided by Him. There are of course scoffers when it comes to the idea that God might guide and nudge us. People who have been hurt or confused by those who would suggest that what they are doing is driven by God's Spirit, perhaps when it is not. But in Acts we see that apostle Paul also suffered these people, as well as those who claimed to know God's Spirit and did not. So let us put aside the image of a white suited TV evangelist who misrepresents God and enables the scoffers. The presence of both in our world is not proof for a God who does not interact with us.

For that is what Jesus sent the Helper for. Do not move on, 'but wait for the gift my Father promised', then move on. That's what he calls those who seek him to do. Are we ready to move on? Then let us receive the gift our Father has promised this Pentecost. Let us see His Kingdom come into our lives and into our neighbourhood. Let us move on from here.

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Pentecost

St Nicholas'

9am Morning Worship

Reader 1: Pete 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

What's On This Week

Bitesize Bible Weekly Readings

Gospels: Matthew 18: 1-14 - 20:17-34
New Testament: Acts 25:1-12 – 27:27-44
Old Testament: Leviticus 8-10 21-23
Wisdom & Poetry: Psalms 40 - 45

Wednesday 26th 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 27th May :

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

Zoom Meetings - www.zoom.us

Meeting 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

3rd July Provisional date for Summer Fayre at St. Nicholas'.

Provisional date for Olive Sheasby's Memorial Service

4th July To mark the end of this phase of the Covid pandemic and to say thank you to everyone who has helped us through it, a national '**Thank You Day**' will take place. As part of this day and with our annual meeting we will be holding a joint thanksgiving service at 10am at St. Nicholas'.

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.

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 11th July. Stay tuned for further information.

Prayer Line

Prayer is a key part of God's Kingdom coming in Bedhampton.

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

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

Office Phone Outage

Please note that on 24th 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 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 have 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.

Fake Emails

There has been a spate of emails asking for money which look as though they have come from the local parish priest. We urge you to take great care when responding to emails or phone calls asking for money. ***Note: We will never ask in an email or phone call for money to be transferred to the parish.***

Next Week: Sunday 30th May

Trinity Sunday

St Nicholas'

9am Morning Worship

Reader 1: Fleur Bragaglia
Reading 1: Romans 8: 12-17
Reader 2: Tracey Smith
Reading 2: John 3: 1 - 17
Prayers: Nicky Quick

St Thomas'

11am Holy Communion

Reader 1: Sandra Matthews
Reading 1: Romans 8: 12-17
Reader 2: Service Leader
Reading 2: John 3: 1-17
Prayers: Sandra Matthews

Please Pray For

Street Prayer

Please pray for the residents of Winchfield Crescent this week.

Those requesting prayer:

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; Wendy Wilbraham; Alex, Joe and Matthew; Eileen Newman; Tony Tucker; Eric Armitage; Eileen Newman

We remember all those who have died whose anniversaries fall at this time.

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