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Dear Friends,

I know I share a love of sailing with several members of our church. When I say I love sailing I should probably be a bit more honest because I love it most of the time but sometimes it can be quite scary. If you've never been a bit scared on the water then you may not have broached a yacht flying a spinnaker in the middle of the Atlantic in the middle of the night – broaching is when the yacht takes a nosedive in the direction of the wind and the sails hit the water. For what seemed like an age the spinnaker was like a giant fishing net but without any holes and was dragging us all over the place. Even the dolphins came to have a look at what was going on. Just a couple of days after this incident the wind died, the temperature rose and we were becalmed. This was in many ways worse than the scary moments. We were going nowhere but we did use the lack of sailing action to mend sails, sort out the food and deep clean the boat.

I'm guessing that some of us are feeling a bit becalmed in our church life right now as if the pandemic has brought all progress to a halt. We long for some action, maybe even some scary moments? Well, I don't think we are as becalmed as we might think and here are some thoughts as to why. Firstly, the lockdowns have forced us into new and exciting ways of communicating. There are now many people, outside our former congregations, tuning in for on-line services brilliantly put together by Max – how blessed are we to have a Rector with such information technology skills at times like these? Secondly, many people are eager to re-activate children and families work, engage with our own and the wider community and put into action our values, identity and purpose. Thirdly, the wider church is responding to the call to streamline and re-focus mission and we'll find ourselves drawn into that process.



Becalmed? I don't think so. The wind of The Spirit is blowing through and though we may have a scary moment or two we'll be moving to God's plan for us, just as I'm sure we have been even when we were apparently motionless.

*Roger Matthews  
Churchwarden*

# PARISH NEWS

## ON-LINE SERVICES

We have returned to 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 have also returned. We will stream live our St. Nicholas' 9am service on [www.Bedhampton.tv](http://www.Bedhampton.tv), Facebook and YouTube. We are unable to install broadband at St. Thomas' so we will record those services. Sunday's service will stream on Sunday from 4pm and the Wednesday service will be streamed at 10am on Thursdays.

All services will continue to be available after the initial stream on the website after they have initially been published for those who wish to catch up later.

## 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

The annual meeting 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. Anyone wishing to stand for the Parochial Church Council should contact the office as soon as possible.

Cover photos: A planter of pansies outside the post office, courtesy of the Bedhampton Volunteers.

## Children and Young People

We have been praying consistently over the last year about how we serve Children and Young People. As we return to in person services and as an interim solution, family bubble tables will be provided at our St Nicholas 9am service. In addition to including everyone in our services, there will be activities based around the subject matter for the day. Please continue to pray for this important part of our Church.

## Fathers Day - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June

In the UK, USA and Canada, the third Sunday in June is Father's Day. It is usually a good time for sons and daughters to take their father to his favourite restaurant, or to just enjoy doing his favoured activity.

There is no religious connection as with Mothering Sunday, but we celebrate the day anyway.

## FAMILY NEWS

We send our good wishes to those who celebrate anniversaries and birthdays this month including Peter Hirsch and Sheila Jones.

Special congratulations to Bernard Stanley who will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this month.

Congratulations to Marion Machell and Janice Stott on becoming great grandmothers again to a new arrival, a second daughter to Jon and Ali Bates.



**INTRODUCING . . . Deb Vears**

Hi! I'm Deb, your new parish administrator and I'm really pleased to be embarking on this new adventure.

I was born on the Isle of Wight and moved to the mainland at the age of 5. I have lived in Bedhampton from the age of 5 until I was 15, attending the local schools and singing in St. Thomas' church choir from the age of 6 (I didn't like Sunday school!!). This musical foundation eventually led to me being a professional musician and I taught clarinet, flute and saxophone for about 20 years.

In more recent years, however, I am more likely to be found singing, playing an organ or the piano, or conducting a choir. I have been the musical director at All Saints', Catherington and St. James', Clanfield since 2013 and I was licensed as a Reader in 2017, serving in the same churches.

I became the Havant Deanery Lay Chair in 2020 – a role that has kept me rather busy over the last year – and I am very keen to help parishes work together, when appropriate, for the benefit of all. When I'm not working I like hosting dinner parties (something that I have missed during the last year or so). I also like walking with friends, running and doing a little bit of knitting.

I live with my husband, my two children, a dog and two cats (one of which is called Max!!).

Do please pop in to the office to introduce yourself. There will always be tea and there may even be biscuits!

*Deb*

**Parish Magazine**

The Parish Magazine is a vital part of our communication to our community, and Max comments that 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.



**BEDHAMPTON SUMMER SHOW**

This year's show has had to be cancelled, mainly due to lack of time to organize it following the lifting of Covid restrictions. See more on page 16.

The Chelsea Flower Show will take place in September and the Stansted Garden Show will take place as originally arranged. A new show at Broadlands, near Romsey, will be introduced in September. See page 15.

**BEDHAMPTON CALENDAR 2022**

**Why not take some local photos for next year's Bedhampton calendar ?**



**Send to the Parish Office**

### Remembering

# Olive Sheasby

7<sup>th</sup> April 1926 – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Olive Sheasby was a well known regular at St. Thomas Church as well as being a member of Bedhampton Mothers' Union.

Olive was the youngest of 3 sisters, born to Eleanor and George Osborne, but her mother died when she was only 2 ½. Whilst her sisters went to live with an Aunt, Olive was fostered but was shown little love. Aged 10 she started learning to play the piano and did one hour's practice every day which was carefully watched over. She started to play the piano at Sunday School at St Mark's, Birmingham and at 12 was introduced to the organ.

She was evacuated to Leicestershire with another evacuee called Mavis. She returned home for Christmas but her foster mother decided she should not return. However Olive did well at school and left on her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday, and going to work in a music shop, travelling by tram. Whilst war was still raging, her home was damaged by a bomb. She went to live in Stourbridge where she became friends with Peggy who was a good friend and became one of her bridesmaids. Her foster parents rented a house on the edge of town so Olive had to return to them.

When the church organist at St Mark's Church joined the RAF, Olive, aged just 15, became the youngest church organist in the Midlands and remained there for 5 years. She attended St Mark's Youth Club, amateur dramatics, where she met Peter Sheasby who was working in the drawing office of railway stock manufacturers Metro-Cammell Ltd. As the war effort continued, Olive trained and became a nursery nurse and then a teacher where her music and dance skills were much appreciated.

After the war, Olive achieved her ambition of taking her piano grades, passing all the exams and finally her ALCM diploma, something of which she was immensely proud.

Aged 24, she and Peter married in March 1951 at St Mark's. She continued to teach until Marian was born 4 years later.



When Peter gained promotion, it brought him to the Portsmouth area, when they found their house in Queen Anne's Drive, Bedhampton, in April 1961. She made friends with neighbours who also had young families, then Kate was born.

Living opposite St Nicholas Church, Olive noticed a request asking for someone to run a keep fit class. "I was there in a flash with my little girl aged 2 ½", wrote Olive. She was very proud of her teams who took part in displays at Wembley and in the Royal Albert Hall. After more than 50 years, she gave up keep fit classes at the age of 75, but not before enjoying holidays in Greece and Turkey with other ladies for more than 25 years, leaving Peter to fend for himself, although she left him meals in the freezer. She later became Vice Principal at an adult education centre.

Olive made sure that their family life was loving and caring, ensuring that her own childhood experience was not repeated. Holidays involved camping, in caravans and cottages in Wales. Her grandchildren, Tom and Bryn, Hannah, Ellie and Jenny described her as gentle and loving and she taught them to play the piano. They remember great cooking, puddings, trifles, cakes. Breakfast consisted of porridge AND toast.

Nevertheless, she was quite strict too, no elbows on the tables; she was even known to keep Peter in order too, especially if he said something he shouldn't. Olive enjoyed nature and birds and watercolour painting, whilst Peter was in the garage keeping out of the sun. She often took the children on outings.

In 2011, she and Peter celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary with a special service at St Thomas.

Since Peter died in 2019, Olive was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease and in September 2020 she went to live nearer her daughters in the west country. She spent her final days in a care home.

Olive chose her funeral service music in Bristol, including the hymn *Guide me O thou great Redeemer*, and Debussy's *Clair de Lune* which she used to play; the service concluded with *Nimrod* from Elgar's *Enigma Variations*. Sadly, her sister Betty, 105, was unable to be present.



A Memorial Service is planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> July at St. Thomas when Olive's ashes will be buried in the Memorial Garden.

## The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Last month, we asked if any reader has taken part in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. One story so far; Ann Partridge writes,

When I went to secondary school at the age of 12, which was an all-girls school, there was quite a lot of buzz about this scheme and it was my form teacher who was encouraging us to take up a challenge in our final years at school.

Excitement grew and there was a group of us who decided that we would take up the challenge.

There were four sections that you had to complete.

1. Volunteering
2. Skills
3. Physical
4. Expedition



### Bronze Award

Volunteering - I helped in the school library to record the books taken out and returned.

Skills - I took a First Aid Course with St John Ambulance

Physical – I took dance carried out as part of the school curriculum.

Expedition – We had to plan and carry out where and how we were going to get to our destination. This took place out at Rame Head, Cornwall. This was a weekend expedition.

### Silver Award

Volunteering – I became a helper at our local Cub group, which in the end lead me to becoming Bagheera.

Skills – I took music and singing, again within the school curriculum and being in the Church choir I attended.

Physical – I helped with the Cub Group to take them swimming in HMS Drake swimming pool. I taught some of them how to swim.

Expedition – Again, plan and carry out how we were to get to our destination. This was at Princetown/Dartmoor a four-day excursion.

On both occasions of our Expedition, there were four of us girls, we did have fun, but if anyone can remember, the weather in the West country is not always conducive. We had torrential rain on both camps.

There is one thing that has remained an everlasting memory for me and that was that during our silver award, the last evening we had a Wide game set for us by our Leader/Mentor. When writing up my journal for presentation, I unfortunately wrote 'Wild' game. When we were handed our awards at a school assembly our leader pointed out my error by saying a wide game becomes a wild game becomes a wild game when you have a group of girls together. Well, it certainly made everyone laugh.

*Ann Partridge*



Unfortunately, I never went on to do my Gold Award as back in those days you had to complete the work by the time you were 21. I believe today it is 25. Of course, I left school at 16 years and 3 months to commence my working career.

I would recommend any youngsters out there to take up this scheme. Firstly, it will always look good on your CV, and secondly it will stand you in good stead for your future and above all it was an absolute joy and lots of laughter.

Ann Partridge

Do you or someone in your family have a story to tell? Send them to us to share.

On 10th June, we remember the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Prince Philip, sadly no longer with us to celebrate. We thank God for his vision of the D of E Award Scheme and for the many thousands who have been inspired by it. We pray for the Royal Family for whom this will be a poignant day.

### PETE'S ILLUSTRATIONS

Numerous written newspaper and magazine articles over the past Covid year have promoted old practices of paying more attention to the too ignored nature around us, and concentrating on valuing God's miraculous world in more leisurely and finer detail. More people are actually walking around their neighbourhoods, registering seasonal changes, people's gardens and wildlife generally, mixing exercise with local interest, an intimate discovery of our locations.

For instance, living in the same spot for 39 years after which a barn owl flies out of your fir tree in the daytime, unsettled by the driveway being swept. What an unexpected 'first'. Owls roost up in the day-time, hoping not to be seen by other birds worried by that hooked beak, who will 'out' them by mobbing them in numbers with their alarm cries.

Our private garden, neglected through attention being paid to our Bedhampton Volunteer gardens, becoming a little wilder, untreated trees, blue bells allowed to spread across our front patch of grass, hardly constituting a lawn, with variegated ivy and Virginia creeper competing for the house and trees for decoration. The upside is invariably 13 bird's nests,



namely house sparrows, black birds, robins, wrens, the rare pigeon!, doves, gold finches, and hedge sparrows which are of course not true sparrows but from the accentor family.



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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The starlings have given up their bespoke nest box for the hole in our centrally heated warmer eaves. The robins have selected old collapsed nest boxes never previously used when whole. The cheery noisy house sparrows are known for two pairs using two nests and a collection of uncles and aunts that help build the nest and feed the young, but are only ever a group of 13, and no there is no addiction to the baker's dozen number. What their selection process is after the rearing of another dozen babies is any one's guess, but someone somewhere will know. Do you know that person? Of course, cats UK wide annually kill 55 million birds. Yes, they should all wear a bell.

And then there's the Bedhampton Sparrowhawk, not particularly restricting themselves to that sparrow delicacy, but they must be easier to hunt as they are always in their family; miss one during the attack and there's another. Once witnessed a sparrowhawk gliding along our pavement, and as I opened the driver's door, the hawk flew beneath it.



The canny bird is hoping to catch prey in a driveway, with little chance of escape for the victim with the hooked beak, talons and arched wings used to block off escape.

You're never supposed to be that far from a rat, and ours lives in a hole by our shed, coincidentally! by our pet cemetery. Our garage mice, and there must be a few of them as the local cats have a rota, sat on an empty rabbit hutch waiting their chance. One of the mice' hobbies is climbing into the garage wall and kicking out all the minute grey balls forming the house insulation. Currently the worst troublesome wildlife is away from home in a BV garden in Brockhampton Road outside the Manor Court apartments, where a couple of robins are so tame and eager to collect food for the nestlings, they are in 'grave' danger of being crushed underfoot.

*Pete Spencer*

Note the picture on the front cover; the pansies planted by the Volunteers are 'the best they have ever been this year'. (P.S.)

Do you have an interesting wildlife/pet story? Something that may have happened during this last year of lockdown?



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## The story behind the hymn: 'Lord, for the years'

*By Timothy Dudley Smith*

This well-loved hymn was written in 1967 by the Revd Timothy Dudley Smith, who later became Bishop of Thetford. He later confessed: "I wrote it on a train when I was very pressed for time. I'm thankful if something I write gets picked up, but I suspect anyone who does something in a rush later regrets that they didn't find time to apply the sandpaper a bit more!"

Dudley Smith had been asked to write a hymn for the centenary service of the Children's Special Service Mission, now Scripture Union, in St Paul's Cathedral. His commission was to write words that could be fitted to Jean Sibelius's *Finlandia*, as it was to be accompanied by an orchestra with this tune in their repertoire. And so – 'Lord for the years' was written.

Dudley Smith need not have worried about lack of time – his lyrics were a 'hit' in the cathedral on the day, and went on to become so well-loved that George Carey chose the hymn to be sung at his consecration as Bishop of Bath and Wells, and then again later, in 1991, at his consecration as Archbishop in Canterbury Cathedral.

The hymn continued to be widely sung and loved, until in 2002 Timothy Dudley Smith was asked to write an extra verse for it so that it could even be sung around the time of the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

Many of the words in the hymn are true for the Queen herself, as she celebrated her 95th birthday in April. She does indeed thank God 'for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way'...

*Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.*

*Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.*

*\*Lord, for our hopes, the dreams of all our living,  
Christ and his kingdom one united aim;  
Rulers and peoples bound in high thanksgiving,  
Lord of our hopes, our trust is in your Name. ...*

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## BISHOP RETIRES

After ten years as Bishop of Portsmouth, Bishop Christopher Foster retired at the end of April, following a moving farewell service in the cathedral at which many tributes were paid to his character and to his ministry as our bishop. Choral Evensong was a service filled with music that had been significant to Christopher throughout more than 40 years of ordained ministry, and the world premiere of a piece by [Nico Muhly](#) that had been specially commissioned by the cathedral for the moment when he handed over his crozier and ceased to be the Bishop of Portsmouth.



Among those who paid tribute to Bishop Christopher was the Archbishop of Canterbury, who made his comments at General Synod on Saturday morning.

Bishop Christopher gripped the hand of his wife Sally as the whole congregation rose to applaud, thanking him for a decade of faithful service to our diocese and our community. It came at the end of a moving Choral Evensong, which included tributes to his caring, thoughtful ministry and some of the music that has been important to him in more than 40 years of ordained ministry. He has retired at the same time as his wife the Rev. Sally Davenport retired as team rector of Holy Trinity and St Columba Church, Fareham. They will now move to start a new chapter of their lives in Somerset.

The service included an anthem sung at Bishop Christopher's institution as vicar at Christ Church, Southgate in 1986, a *Magnificat* that reflected his time as sub-dean at St Albans Abbey, and his favourite hymn *There's a wideness in God's mercy*. That reflected the words of Bishop Christopher's final sermon from the pulpit of our cathedral.

In his sermon, he said: "Throughout Jesus's ministry, there was space for the unlikeliest, the least attractive, those of no reputation, those with questions and hesitations, those who are ill, the ostracised, and the disliked or hated. There is space for all in the kingdom which Jesus comes to proclaim and herald. There is a wideness in God's mercy and so there must be in the Church. It is the calling of this bishop to make space in the Church for the richest and fullest variety of Christian expression and worship, to enable the thriving of all, from birth to old age, to have time and room in our hearts for the people, groups and institutions of the communities we serve.

"We are called to be spacious Christians, giving opportunity to outsiders rather than insiders, young more than older, black more than white, gay more than straight, women more than men, refugees and asylum seekers more than those settled and comfortable, those whose learning or health is impaired or thwarted rather than the educated and well-to-do – not because they are more precious in God's sight, but because there are very many who we, the Church, continue to treat as different. We make God's love too narrow by limits of our own. and we must not."

Tributes were then paid to Bishop Christopher. a tribute from Bishop Matthias Mededues-Badohu, Bishop of Ho. He is the most senior of the bishops in Ghana, which our diocese is linked to via IDWAL. Bishop Matthias recalled Bishop Christopher's three visits to Ghana with affection.

The vice-chancellor of the University of Portsmouth, Professor Graham Galbraith, also thanked Christopher and Sally for their personal friendship during their time together at both the University of Hertford and the University of Portsmouth.

And the Ven Peter Leonard, Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight, said: "It is abundantly clear that Bishop Christopher loves and prays for his flock. We have heard much about his pastoral gifts and his care for the people of this diocese. I cannot recall ever having a bishop or a priest who I have known or who knew me as well as Bishop Christopher."

In his response, Bishop Christopher paid tribute to colleagues past and present, leaders of our communities, those in the Church of England and wider Anglican Church, his family and particularly his wife Sally.

"Richard and Miriam's extraordinary gifts and commitment, their generosity and grace owe more to their loved and loving mother Julia than to me," he said. "Through them, her huge contribution to my life and ministry lives on. Sally and I celebrated our 15th wedding anniversary a couple of days ago. Where we have grown in depth, impact and number, let's rejoice. Thank you all for helping me as we have tried together to build that kingdom, and the coming of that kingdom is my deepest hope and prayer. We are proud to be Portsmouth, I am proud to have been Portsmouth with you, but prouder still to have been your fellow disciples. Thank you."

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# YOUTH ACTIVITIES



## 1st Bedhampton Scout Group

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As Covid restrictions ease, national rules mean that we now have the option to meet inside St Nicholas (under certain Covid rules). Scouting always has had an outdoor element and a lot of our activities continue to be outside.



Beavers have been doing some work on learning navigation, and drew their own maps of their route to school. They also played a North, South, East and West wide game. This all counted towards their Navigator Badge. The Cubs also played a wide game in the park.

The New Raven and Panther patrols had an outdoor cooking competition on open fires last week. Congratulations to Daniel, Isaac and Fox on their Patrol Leaders Roles. Both Scouts patrols produced excellent meals that I would happily eat. Even the Rhino Explorer Food wasn't "too bad"!

On St. Georges Day (23rd April), or just before, we all renewed our Scout promise including 'to do our best'. Normally we do this in a large group somewhere in Havant. This year we did it the same but in small groups.



With Father's Day in mind: The child had every toy his father wanted. – *Robert C. Whitten*



Becky and I finally got married on the 24th April. I just need to remember the anniversary is a day after St Georges Day! We had 15 attend the ceremony (plus we estimate over a hundred via Facebook live). Thank you for all the best wishes and gifts we have received.

*Nigel Vosper,*  
*Group Administrator*



### WEDDING AT ST THOMAS

The first wedding of the year for St. Thomas' Church was held on 24th April for none other than the very well known Bedhampton personage of Nigel Vosper. Adhering to all Covid19 restrictions, and smiling throughout, Nigel married Rebecca (Becks) Duffy surrounded by very close family on both sides at an intimate but memorable service. The bride, looking radiant in a full length sparkling white gown and veil, was attended by her sister-in-law, three flower girls and a pageboy, with pink being their predominant colour. The flower ladies team at the church had produced pink and white flower arrangements and the pews were decorated with white posies. Outside the church, with sun shining brightly, a group of well-wishers stood with poised cameras and, following the "photo-shoot", the couple took off for a "Mini-moon". The traditional social event afterwards was delayed until later in the year once restrictions are lifted.

*Janice Stott*



# PUZZLE PAGE

## Wordsearch for June: St Alban - the first British martyr

Persecution of Christians worldwide is rising fast, so it is worth remembering St Alban, the first British martyr. Alban was a Roman citizen living in England when the Roman emperor, Diocletian, began a fierce persecution. Soon Alban found a desperate priest on his doorstep, hunted by local soldiers. Alban gave the priest shelter, and within days was converted. When the soldiers arrived, Alban took the priest's place, refused to offer sacrifice to the Roman gods, and was condemned to death. Alban went to his execution on 22nd June 250 AD with such serenity that one of the executioners was converted. He died on the site of the Hertfordshire town that now bears his name.

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Answers next month



St Albans Cathedral, Hertfordshire, where Bishop Christopher was Bishop before coming to Portsmouth.

### MAY WORDSEARCH SOLUTION

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**CAN YOU FIND 16 BOOKS OF THE BIBLE? - SOLUTION**

A recent remark about the hidden books of the Bible led to their discovery merely by a fluke. Some people were kept busy looking so hard for the facts but for others it was a revelation. Many were in a jam especially since the names of the books were not capitalised. Eventually the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers, although for others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating moment for you. Yes, there will be some difficult ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will admit that it usually takes a minister to find the last of them. There will be loud lamentations when it is found! One lady says she brews a cup of tea so that she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Ready now?

There really are sixteen books of the Bible in this paragraph. One clergyman found 15 books in twenty minutes but it took him three weeks to find the sixteenth!

*Submitted by Ann Partridge*

**Answers:** Mark, Luke, Kings, Acts, Revelation, James, Ruth, Numbers, Job, Amos, Esther, Judges, Lamentations, Titus, Hebrews, Peter.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



## BEDHAMPTON SUMMER SHOW

By now, the committee would normally be well under way with preparations for Saturday 3rd July 2021. Unfortunately, the lifting of lockdown on the ability to hold events will not allow enough time to make all the necessary arrangements and secure the resources needed for Covid safety, whatever they may be.

Postponing until later in the year, after the summer holidays season, is likely to conflict with sporting fixtures on Bidbury Mead. Reluctantly, 2022 looks like the best option to restart this popular event.

That said, stock for the 2020 event has now been joined by gifts of stock for this year. This has prompted thoughts of how best to dispose of some of this to bring in much needed funds and make space for stock leading up to 2022. The possibility of a bric-a-brac 'garage sale' at St Nicholas Church is being explored. So please keep an eye and ear open for publicity.

As with many groups and organisations, as each year passes the average age of the committee rises and like other groups, the Show committee is looking for more volunteers. If you could help, please contact Chris Miller, the Show Chairman, on 023 9248 1361. We look forward to the continuation of this enjoyable community activity.

*From Bedhampton Village website.*



Like other care homes, the Manor Trust residences have been closed to visitors during the pandemic, but with the vaccination programme, all the residents and staff have now been vaccinated against both 'flu and Covid 19. With these much needed protections, they are now looking forward to gradually getting back to some form of normality at the Trust. Since last year, the Coffee Mornings and Luncheon Club have been unable to operate, neither did the Annual Garden Party take place in August, nor the Art Show in May, nor the Christmas Fayre, the main fund raising events, resulting in loss of income.

On a happier note, Founder Trustee, Bernard Stanley, will be celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this month. We send him our congratulations and best wishes.



*Bernard Stanley with Alan Mak and Richard Pratt at the Manor Trust Garden Party, 2016.*



The Mothers' Union hope to be able to hold their Annual Service, which I feel I should call a Thanksgiving service, having brought us through a terrible year, that is if our Prime Minister still feels it fit to complete his 'road map' on the 21st June. Therefore, our service will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Bedhampton on Tuesday 22nd June at 2.00 p.m., which was already planned in our programme, followed by afternoon tea in the Rectory garden, weather permitting!



Providing there are no hiccups that the Prime Minister deems is necessary to take any more actions we will resume with the rest of our 2021 programme.

Take care, stay safe and hope we will all be able to meet up in June!

God Bless

Ann MU Branch Leader

### Churches to launch nature count within the 'National Park' of churchyards

Hundreds of churches have signed up to a week-long 'nature count' occurring this month, which will encourage people to visit churchyards and record what they see.

St Thomas' Churchyard is full of nature, especially birds. Why not visit and tell us what you see and hear. Add the information to Pete Spencer's suggestions on pages 7 and 8.

### TV Advertising?

Anyone who has been watching BBC News from Westminster recently may have noticed the increasing number of placards behind the reporters trying to get noticed by the cameras.

One placard said,

'Jesus Christ is coming soon.'

Is Jesus trying to get his message passed by Parliament first?





# What a great poem by the late Spike Milligan about smiling



Smiling is infectious  
You catch it like the flu

When someone smiled at me today  
I started smiling too

I walked around the corner  
And someone saw me grin



When he smiled I realised  
I had passed it on to him

I thought about the smile  
And then realised its worth



A single smile like mine  
Could travel round the earth



So if you feel a smile begin  
Don't leave it undetected

Start an epidemic  
And get the world infected.



*Submitted by Marion Machell*

**WEDDING**



*We send congratulations and best wishes for the future to*

Nigel Vosper and Rebecca Duffy

**REST IN PEACE**

*We pray for the families of those who have recently died.*



**A.P.C.M.**

The Annual Meeting which was scheduled for the end of April has been postponed until Sunday 4th July. It will take place at St. Nicholas following a joint 10am service.

**FOODBANK** items contributions can now be brought to our churches at services. Contributions can also be made at Asda, Tesco, and Waitrose, or in the black box at the Rectory in Bidbury Lane.

Annual **Ride and Stride**: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September in aid of Hampshire and Islands Historic Churches Trust.

**Services for June**

*The services schedule appears on page 20.*

**ON-LINE services will also be available each Sunday.**

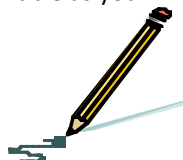
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2pm: Mothers' Union service of Thanksgiving at St Thomas followed by tea in the Rectory Garden.

**Open Church**

St. Thomas' is open for private prayer from 9am – 4pm every weekday. Please follow the instructions available as you enter.

**JULY 2021**

**Magazine**



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## Services for JUNE 2021

### **SUNDAY 6th**

**( Pentecost 2 )**

On-line

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*St Nicholas* 9.00 am

*Morning Worship*

St Thomas 11.00 am

Morning Prayer (on-line 4pm)

St Thomas 6.00 pm

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### **SUNDAY 13th**

**( Pentecost 3 )**

On-line

*St Nicholas* 9.00 am

*Morning Worship*

St Thomas 11.00 am

Holy Communion (on-line 4pm)

### **SUNDAY 20th**

**( Pentecost 4 )**

On-line

*St Nicholas* 9.00 am

*Holy Communion*

St Thomas 11.00 am

Morning Prayer (on-line 4pm)

St Thomas 6.00 pm

Celtic Evening Prayer

### **SUNDAY 27th**

**( Pentecost 5 )**

On-line

*St Nicholas* 9.00 am

*Morning Worship*

St Thomas 11.00 am

Holy Communion (on-line 4pm)

Themes of Study from the Gospel of St Matthew

## MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

**Wednesday 2nd** St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion

**Wednesday 9th** St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion

**Wednesday 16th** St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion

**Wednesday 23rd** St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion

**Wednesday 30th** St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion

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