



Bedhampton Parish

St Thomas & St Nicholas

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

Sunday 6th June 2021

Trinity 2: Matthew (Farming Parables)

Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Rector's Reflections

This week we return to the biography of Jesus we call Matthew's Gospel. As we do so we hear the first of the parables that Jesus told. Many of these stories which Jesus used to teach people were based around farming because that was the culture in which he taught. This got me thinking about our culture and what the context of the stories would have been had Jesus taught in our time and society. Would there be a parable about a star struck singer who went to find fame and fortune on a TV show, only to find that peace and contentment was found back home in the heart of their family? Perhaps there would be a story teaching us how when we invest our savings in the hope of a comfortable life, we find it can all be turned upside down by a disease that ravages the world. Who knows? But it is interesting that Jesus used simple stories and words to share God's love so all of us could hear it. Perhaps there is a lesson for those of us churchy types who can sometimes use 'Christianese' words to show how much we think we know. Wow, I feel called to let the blood of the Lamb wash over me as I excogitate that, interceding with our Lord and lifting us up, that He might build a hedge of protection and gift us a servant's heart. Or I might just go and pray.

Sunday 6th June 2021: Farming parables

St Nicholas'

9am Morning Worship

Reader 1: Alyson Johnstone
Reading 1: Exodus 32: 15-20
Reader 2: Suzy Cross
Reading 2: Matthew 13: 1-30
Prayers: Mike Tritton

St Thomas'

11am Morning Prayer

Reader 1: Ann Partridge
Reading 1: Exodus 32: 15-20
Reader 2: Janice Stott
Reading 2: Matthew 13: 1-30
Prayers: Linda Brown

6pm Compline

Leader : Sandra Matthews

What's On This Week

Bitesize Bible Weekly Readings

Gospels: Matthew 22: 34 - 24: 35

New Testament: Romans 4: 1 - 7: 12

Old Testament: Numbers 9 - 25

Wisdom & Poetry: Psalms 52 - 57

Wednesday 9th June

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 10th June: 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 Olive Sheasby's Memorial Service 2pm at St. Thomas'

Provisional date for Summer Fundraiser at St. Nicholas'.

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'.

11th July Hymns in the park - come along and sing your hearts out!

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

If you have missed being with people, real people, not those on a screen then we have a date for you. If you have missed singing out loud then we have a date for you. Join us for Hymns in the Park. Bring your chairs and picnic and we will belt out the classics. Grab that phone or diary and mark out the afternoon of Sunday 11th July. More details including the actual start time coming soon.

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

Coffee Morning

Our Friday coffee morning have resumed! 10-11am at St. Nicholas'

Jean will be making her usual cakes!

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.

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.

Fat Rector Slim

Sponsor the Rector £ for lb or whatever you decide (max ) (max 35lb), as we raise funds for the St Nicholas refurb. Contact Max to commit. Week 15: -1lb (10lb/35lb)

Bedhampton Cub Scouts need you!

Our cubs need some more leaders. Could you be one of them? Why not put your skills to good use, learn some new ones and play an active role in the local community?

If you can help phone 07960 479886 or email judycolwell@sky.com

Fun club in the park

The fun club team will be on Bidbury Mead on Thursdays for the next few weeks. 10-11am. We can't provide toys but there will be fun things to do.

Next Week: Sunday 13th June

Trinity 2: Matthew (more farming)

St Nicholas'

9am Morning Worship

Reader 1: Tracey Smith

Reading 1: TBA

Reader 2: Lynda Worley

Reading 2: Matthew 13: 31-43

Prayers: John Bragaglia

St Thomas'

11am Holy Communion

Reader 1: Mike Case

Reading 1: TBA

Reader 2: Service Leader

Reading 2: Matthew 13: 1-30

Prayers: Sandra Matthews

Please Pray For

Ruby, Charlotte and Fleur, who are being baptised this weekend, and their families.

Street Prayer

Please pray for the residents of Mitchell Road this week.

Those requesting prayer:

Eric Armitage; 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; Nicola Wakefield

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

ST THOMAS & ST NICHOLAS BEDHAMPTON PRAYER LIST

After discussions with the Churchwardens, it has been decided to revert to the past system of removing names from the prayer list after one month from where they will be transferred to the Mothers' Union prayer list for a further three months.

If at any time someone's condition deteriorates, please let us know when they will be put back onto the main Church prayer list. Thank you.

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