



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

Sunday 27th. June 2021

4th. Sunday after Trinity: Matthew – False kings

St. Nicholas'

9am Morning Worship

1 Samuel 8: 4-end

Matthew 14: 1-12

St. Thomas'

11am Holy Communion

1 Samuel 8: 4-end

Matthew 14: 1-12

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Rector's Reflections

Backed into a corner, that is where we find Herod Antipas in our Gospel reading this coming weekend. Backed into a corner and without the courage or moral fortitude to admit his weakness and turn away from the evil he will go on to enact. Not many of us find ourselves in a life and death situation where our stubbornness will cause such evil to raise its head. However I dare say that there are many times in all of our lives where that same failing can cause pain in the lives of friends, family and others we know. It seems to me that putting the Kingdom of God first may mean being the first to say sorry or offer a hand of reconciliation even though we may feel that our response was justified after being backed into a corner. I don't know about you, but when I backed Jesus into a corner with my words and actions, His response was to hang on The Cross for me. I gratefully grasped his hand as he stretched it out.

Prayer requests

Street Prayer

Please pray for the residents of Brunel Way 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, Hannah, Rebecca Delmar-Morgan

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

St. Thomas & St. Nicholas 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 you would like someone added to/kept on the prayer list please speak to our pastoral co-ordinators, Sally or Sandra.

What's on this week

Wednesday 30th. June

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

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

Thursday 1st. July

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

Zoom meetings - www.zoom.us Meeting ID is 239 248 3013. You will be placed in a waiting room and let in by the leader of the meeting. Going to Bton.uk/zoom will redirect you to the correct place.

Parish Magazine Distributors

Your packs of the July magazine for distribution can be found in St. Thomas' Church. Those distributors who have requested delivery to their homes will receive theirs as usual.

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 your questions.

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.

Bedhampton Cub Scouts need you!

Our cubs need more leaders. Could you be one of them? Phone 07960 479886 or email judycolwell@sky.com

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. If you would like to be part of our prayer line, please contact Linda Brown using one of the same methods.

Messy church co-ordinator

Could you be the next co-ordinator for Messy Church? If so please contact Max

Fun club in the park

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

'Bitesize' Bible Reading Plan

Join our daily 'bitesize' Bible reading plan. Read just what you feel you can bite off. Let the office know you wish to join the journey and you will receive daily readings by email. You can also ask for a booklet, download it to follow along from bton.uk/bible.

Dates for your diary

3rd. July Memorial service for Olive Sheasby at 2pm in St. Thomas'
If you plan to attend please contact Deb in the parish office

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 we will be holding a joint thanksgiving service at 10am at St. Nicholas', followed by our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) at 11am.

31st. July St. Nicholas' summer fundraiser (postponed from 3rd. July)

Hymns in the park

'Postponed'

After Boris' announcement we have had to postpone this event.
A new date will be announced soon.

Bitesize Bible

Matthew 27: 57 - Mark 1: 34

Romans 15: 1 – 1 Corinthians 2: end

Deuteronomy 29 – Joshua 7

Psalm 69: 19 – 74: end

NEXT WEEK : Sunday 4th. July

5th. Sunday after Trinity: Thank you day

St Nicholas'
10am Morning Worship
Psalm 95: 1-7
Colossians 3:1-17

St Thomas'
Joint service at St. Nicholas'
6pm Compline

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