

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

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>. June 2021 2nd. Sunday after Trinity: Matthew – More farming

St. Nicholas' 9am Morning Worship 1 Peter 1: 13-21 Matthew 13: 31-43 St. Thomas' 11am Holy Communion 1 Peter 1: 13-21 Matthew 13: 31-43

#### Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### **Rector's Reflections**

For a while now, like many leaders of God's people, I have been asking myself and God what His church looks like post pandemic. I am aware we are not there yet, but this whole world will look different when we get there and so will God's Church. A few months back I and many other church leaders had a Zoom call with Nicky Gumbel the leader of the Alpha course. 'Alpha' allows people to ask questions of the Christian faith whilst chatting over a meal. Nicky had battled against any version of online Alpha in the past but, being forced into online Alpha by Covid, he had discovered that he had been wrong. What have we missed of God in Bedhampton because we've been hung up on our way of doing Church? What has God got planned for us in a post pandemic expression of Church? Has God's Spirit been speaking to you about the future? I would love to hear if he has, and if He has not then join me in praying that He reveals his plan to us.

# Prayer requests

# **Street Prayer**

Please pray for the residents of Hillmead Gardens 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 and those 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.

# What's on this week

# Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>. June

**8am Parish Prayer:** www.Bedhampton.tv, Facebook or Zoom **9.30am Holy Communion:** St. Thomas'. Stay for a chat and drink afterward.

# Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>. June

**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.

#### News

### **Parish Magazines**

We are returning to our pre-Lockdown arrangement for magazine distribution. Packs of July magazines will be in church, for collection, from Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> June. If you have previously opted to have your magazines delivered to their home, please ignore this message. Many thanks to Christine and Tony Mayes who have been sorting and delivering the magazines for us during the past months of Lockdown.

#### Hymns in the park

If you have missed being with people, real people, not those on a screen then we have a date for vou. 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.

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.

### **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.

## Fat Rector Slim

Max's weigh in, week 16: +1 lb Please sponsor him as we raise money for St. Nicholas' refurb.

### Messy church co-ordinator

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

## **Bedhampton Cub Scouts** need vou!

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

## 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.

### Dates for your diary

**3<sup>rd</sup>. July** Memorial service for Olive Sheasby at 2pm in St. Thomas' *If you are intending to attend please contact Deb in the parish office.* 

**3<sup>rd</sup>. July** 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'.

**11<sup>th</sup> July** Hymns in the park - come along and sing your hearts out!

#### Bitesize Bible

Matthew 24: 36 – 26: 35 Romans 7: 13 – 10: end Numbers 26 – Deuteronomy 5 Psalm 58 - 63

#### Next Week: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>. June

*3rd. Sunday after Trinity: Matthew – Treasure Hunt* Fathers' Day

**St Nicholas' 9am Holy Communion** Luke 15: 11-31

Matthew 13: 44-58

**St Thomas' 11am Morning Prayer** Luke 15:11-31 Matthew 13: 44-58

#### Contact us

#### **Parish Office**

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