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Dear Friends

Calm the Storm

It's been a tough year and is still a difficult time, as we try to cope with post pandemic stresses, griefs and anxieties, which are personal to each one of us.



There seems to be a general unease too, around coming fully out of lockdown. Some folk may be hankering for the quiet and peace of last spring and early summer, and feeling a bit guilty for that. During the first part of the pandemic, when we were just allowed out for a daily walk, we had quiet then, and bird song, and clearer air.

We've recently returned from a holiday in Dorset, planned over 2 years ago as for so many others. Although fortunate to get away, it felt different to other years; almost as if we didn't need the rest quite as much, or maybe hadn't really earned it! Each of us has experienced times when we feel we were being overwhelmed by the circumstances of life, and now it seems to be heightened.

Do you recall the story in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke of Jesus and his disciples in a boat on the Lake of Galilee? When a furious storm arises, Jesus is asleep, yet he wakes to calm the wind and the waves. (Matthew 8 v 23 – 27.) The disciples had called out to him in their distress, as we do today from within our muddled 'Covid' storm.

Sometimes it appears that Jesus is asleep in our lives when we most need him; yet he is always there.

He asked the disciples, as he asks us – why are you so frightened, where is your faith? We need to know that there is 'a very present help in trouble', and put our faith in God, knowing that whatever is happening in our lives, he will never leave us.

Margaret Rizza, in her music for healing, has a beautiful song:

Calm me Lord as you calmed the storm;

Still me Lord, keep me from harm;

Let all the troubles within me cease;

And hold me Lord in your peace.

PARISH NEWS

For earlier generations, an equally beautiful hymn based on the 23rd Psalm, has brought comfort to many, and still does today.

In heavenly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear; and safe is such confiding for nothing changes here.
The storm may roar without me, my heart may low be laid, but God is round about me, and can I be dismayed?

Anna Laetitia Waring, 1820 - 1910

Amen.

Sandra Matthews
Deputy Churchwarden

Open Church

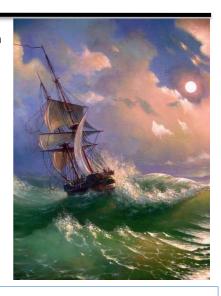
St. Thomas' is open for private prayer from 9am – 4pm every weekday. Please follow the instructions available as you enter.

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.

FOODBANK contributions can be made at Asda, Tesco, and Waitrose, or in the black box at the Rectory in Bidbury Lane.

Cover photo: Bernard Stanley & Cynthia Hoy See Manor Trust story, pages 10/11



FAMILY NEWS

We send our good wishes to those who celebrate anniversaries and birthdays this month including Carol Frogley.

Special congratulations to Bernard
Stanley who marked his 90th birthday in June.

BAPTISMS We are pleased to welcome new members to the Church Family, including members of the Cross family.

Recently, Max was very privileged to baptize several members of his own family in the font where he himself was baptized as a child.



ON-LINE SERVICES

We continue with our 9am and 11am Sunday and the 9.30am Wednesday inperson services in our church buildings. Sunday Compline and Celtic Evening Prayer have also returned. We will stream live our St. Nicholas' 9am service on www.Bedhampton.tv, Facebook and YouTube. Services at St. Thomas' will be recorded and streamed later. Sunday's service will stream on Sunday from 4pm and the Wednesday service will be at 10am on Thursdays.

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

APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will 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 has been prepared for the meeting.

STOP PRESS!!

Following the wet weather at the end of June, it was decided to cancel the Mothers' Union service on 22nd and to set a new date in August, Tuesday 20th at 2pm in church.

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.

FUN CLUB

Fun Club has started up again, but not quite the same as before. At present the group is meeting on Bidbury Mead (if weather permits!) with fun and games for the children and the opportunity for the grown-ups to chat, all safely distanced. Singing songs also features as this is considered safe outdoors in small groups.



Summer Fundraiser

St. Nicholas Church Belmont Grove

Saturday 31st July 11am- 2pm

Toys, Jigsaws, 'All-catalogued' books, Mammoth bric-a-brac, Soft toy tombola, Household goods, Accessories and an 'Every ticket wins' tombola.

The date has been changed from July 3rd

BEDHAMPTON CALENDAR 2022
Why not take some local photos
for next year's
Bedhampton calendar?



Send to the Parish Office

PARISH NEWS

Remembering Olive Sheasby 7th April 1926 – 17th March 2021

A service of memorial for Olive Sheasby will take place at St. Thomas' Church on Saturday 3rd July at 2pm.
As well as being a regular member of St Thomas congregation, Olive was also a member of the Mothers' Union.





HYMNS IN THE PARK

Initially planned for early this month, this event on Bidbury Mead has been postponed since the government's change of dates to end restrictions.

A new date will be announced in due course.

What will you miss about lockdown?

More than half of us admit that we will miss some aspects of the Covid-19 restrictions, especially spending more time at home with our family, and appreciating the quieter roads.



A recent study by King's College London and Ipsos Mori found that around one third of us feel the past year has been similar or better than normal, while 54 per cent of us say that we will miss some of the changes.

Three in ten of us feel closer to our immediate family than we did before the pandemic, while just one in six of us say that we have grown further apart. One in five of us say that our finances are better because of the pandemic.

Overall, it seems that while the public would rather the pandemic hadn't happened, that doesn't mean it's been all bad for everyone, or that people see it as deeply affecting their future lives.

The 3rd of July is the feast day of St Thomas, the doubting apostle....

Thomas, one of Jesus' 12 apostles, was an impulsive, confused, honest sceptic. Jesus could understand and work with such a man. Thomas' impulsiveness was evident when Jesus prepared to visit Lazarus in Bethany. It was a dangerous trip to make, because of the Jews, but Thomas urged his fellow disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with Him." (John 11:16) Instead, Jesus brought Lazarus back to life.

Thomas' confusion is shown in later talks with Jesus. He was not really sure where Jesus was going long-term (John 14:5). But Jesus accepted this confused commitment, and began to untangle it, patiently explaining: "I am going to my Father", and "No one comes unto the Father but by me."

Finally, Thomas' honest scepticism is revealed after the Resurrection, which he flatly refused to believe - unless he could touch the wounds of the risen Jesus. Sure enough, Jesus appears - but instead of scolding him, shows him the wounds. Thomas responds: "My Lord and my God" (John 20.26ff).

Thus, Doubting Thomas' honest doubts, turned to honest faith, have become a reassurance for thousands of men and women across the centuries who also want to follow Jesus, but who require some proof of this amazing event - the Resurrection. In Doubting Thomas' complete affirmation of faith, after meeting the risen, crucified Christ, they can find support for their own faith.

Ancient legends tell how Thomas went on to India as a missionary. There are rumours that Thomas even built a palace for a king's daughter in India, and thus he is the patron saint of architects. It is believed that he was martyred by a spear on 3rd July, 72AD in Mylapore, near Madras. 46 ancient churches in England were dedicated to him, and ours, built around 1138 is one of them.

This month

 \dots marks the 60^{th} birthday of Diana Princess of Wales, 1st July.

60 years ago, Ernest Hemmingway, American novelist and short story writer, died. 40 years ago, the Humber Bridge was opened, then the world's longest suspension bridge.

.... should see the start of the Tokyo Olympics, having been postponed from last year due to the Coronavirus pandemic. A number of New Testament letters refer to Olympic sport including Hebrews: 'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith'

(Hebrews 12:1-2).

PARISH NEWS

Make a difference

A man was asked to paint a boat. He brought his paint and brushes and began to paint the boat a bright red, as the owner asked him.

While painting, he noticed a small hole in the hull, and quietly repaired it.

When he finished painting, he received his money and left.

The next day, the owner of the boat came to the painter and presented him with a nice cheque, much higher than the payment for painting.

The painter was surprised and said "You've already paid me for painting the boat Sir!"

"But this is not for the paint job. It's for repairing the hole in the boat."

"Ah! But it was such a small service... certainly it's not worth paying me such a high amount for something so insignificant."

"My dear friend, you do not understand. Let me tell you what happened:

"When I asked you to paint the boat, I forgot to mention the hole.

"When the boat dried, my kids took the boat and went on a fishing trip.

"They did not know that there was a hole. I was not at home at that time.

"When I returned and noticed they had taken the boat, I was desperate because I remembered that the boat had a hole.

"Imagine my relief and joy when I saw them returning from fishing.

"Then, I examined the boat and found that you had repaired the hole!

"You see, now, what you did? You saved the life of my children! I do not have enough money to pay your 'small' good deed."

So no matter who, when or how, continue to help, sustain, wipe tears, listen attentively, and carefully repair all the 'leaks' you find. You never know when one is in need of us, or when God holds a pleasant surprise for us to be helpful and important to someone.

Along the way, you may have repaired numerous 'boat holes' for several people without realizing how many lives you've saved. ♥

Make a difference.... be the best you...

Have a blessed day.

Submitted by Janice Stott



What's your next step?

Does this month spell the end of school, college, or even a job, for you? Then congratulations are in order; you have completed a significant step!



Now it's time to decide your next step. The dictionary defines 'step' as a physical movement that advances you in a desired direction. You 'step' forward in order to get somewhere specific. Each 'step', however small, will make a difference to your life.

The Bible reflects this. It is filled with the metaphors of stepping, walking, running and goals, pilgrimages, journeys, all to describe the years of our lives.

So, choosing your next step in life this year is important. The good news is that you need not do it on your own. In God, you have a divine 'life coach'. He knows you perfectly – and He has a plan for your life. Most of all, His plan is to have a close personal relationship with you.

We've all seen toddlers staggering towards danger, ignoring their parents' cries of warning. We've all seen adults making a mess of their lives. They are ignoring their personal divine Shepherd, Guide, Teacher and Helper.

A baby learns to walk safely by listening to its parents. We learn what God's will is for us through daily reading of His word, in the Bible, and in obeying what we read.

For when God guides us, He does not hand down a divine map of our lives for us to follow on our own. His guidance is more like that of a torch – a little advance light, day by day, for our immediate daily path.

Remember, the Lord wants you to succeed in the earthly goals that He has for you! So, trust Him to be your guide and helper as you step into your future.

Roger Roberts – Parish Pump

A Thought for the Month:

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

- 2 Timothy 4:7

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

4th Bedhampton Guides return face to face

Our first face-to-face Guide meeting for over a year took place just before the May half-term break and what a special occasion it was! We had been waiting for weeks to meet together and had been watching the national and local guidance and that from the Youth Council and Girlguiding and Thursday 20th May was the date! However, when the much anticipated day arrived, the weather was awful, with showers on and off all day and we had to postpone to the following week! However, a week later, the sun came out and it was the most glorious evening on Bidbury Mead in which to have a picnic!



During lockdown, we have in fact managed to grow our unit numbers which could be seen as being quite unusual! Several girls have made their Guide Promises online and, at the park, we officially welcomed four more to our unit. It was a very special occasion – the first socially-distanced 'ceremony' we have ever had!

These were girls that we had only met online on Zoom who had real bodies (rather than just head and shoulders) and real names!! (rather than 'Galaxy tab A!')

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



It was lovely to hear that new friendships had been made during the evening and old

friendships had been rekindled.....

It's great to see the girls properly again after so long - albeit outside for the moment..... but let the fun times roll!

Hayley Gillians, Guide Guider



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COMMUNITY NEWS



Bedhampton Manor Trust Bernard Stanley, 90

In June, Bernard Stanley reached a memorable 10th decade, which does sound even older. Joint founder of the Manor Trust with Cynthia Hoy, in 1967 the first building purchased was the Manor House in Edward Gardens. Bernard's landmark coincides with the almost complete thorough and pleasing restoration of this building, under the new owner's supervision: yours now for the snip of £1,995,000. Do view it from every angle on Right Move.

Fifty four years ago Cynthia, a nurse by profession, heard of the current owner's intention to demolish the Manor. The land was to be re-developed with executive houses. With Bernard's background in the law and finance, the house was bought for £15,000, as the owner was somewhat reluctant over the proposed building's destruction. Thus the Trust was founded, and independent elderly occupants began living there with a live-in housekeeper, the first one being Cynthia herself! Cynthia discussed this project with one of the founders of the now well-known Abbeyfield care homes, a chain established throughout the UK, Cynthia and Bernard's agenda mirroring the template for Abbeyfield's enormous current success. Then in 1970 they bought the Elms in Lower Road developing it into apartments for independent elderly residents. This was followed in 1980 by the purchase of The Lodge next door for use as a care home. The Manor Trust was the first system in the UK to encompass this unique three way service of care. Previously, in 1960, Bernard with his mother Fanny, (always known by her second name, Gladys), had created the Bedhampton Charitable Trust, in order to provide funds for various Bedhampton groups as well as other wide-ranging charities further afield. This continues its charitable giving 60 years later.

The Manor Trust has been greatly blessed by the local community over the years. Cynthia's nursing experience, empathy and practical business sense together with Bernard's expertise,

not retiring from his time as a solicitor and his mortgage company until fairly recently, enabled them to work well together and with the community's support, to overcome any difficulties that arose. Cynthia sought out and encouraged hundreds of volunteers over the decades to help raise funds through annual fetes and other events. She also set up the Thursday lunch club held weekly in the Elms to provide a good meal and a sense of community for those in the area living on their own. A substantial monetary legacy from Cynthia who sadly passed away in 2005, set up the Bedhampton Museum in the Elms.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Christianity was also an important part of their lives and both were more than regulars at St Thomas church, with Bernard's father a warden there at a time when 1450 parish magazines would be circulated by a much younger Tony Mayes. Bernard was also a member of the General Synod.

In 2013 the decision was made to sell the Manor after all other options in relation to its economic viability had evaporated.

There was not the same demand for supported living following the implementation of the Community Care Act, 1990, through which the government was encouraging the UK elderly to remain living in their own homes. Expensive repair works were also desperately needed to the fabric of the building. However, one of the Trust's aims had been to preserve the building heritage of the village and this had been achieved by the Manor being granted a listed building status.

The chief volunteer over the years was former nurse Susan McLaurin Pratt. She worked tirelessly for 38 years, retiring last December. She was the first manager of The Lodge, playing such a large part in preserving the work of the Trust, with tremendous support from her husband Richard. A huge amount of material has been provided by Sue, relating her experiences. Barlie Kidwell, Bernard's god daughter, has also passed on material written up by Bernard over the years, which has provided so much more of the story of Cynthia and Bernard's lifetime of altruism. They have combatted so many tribulations always with a total commitment to treat all Trust occupants as friends.

This overwhelming amount of material will certainly not be lost, and will be absorbed into

the files of the Bedhampton Museum. Perhaps one day, someone will write the complete story, and what a story; how it has affected and enhanced the lives of so many of those living in Bedhampton.

It's an unprecedented legacy of two people's life's work. Who has done more? Keats only wrote a poem at'mill, the myth that Queen Victoria stayed a night, and Mr Jane lived here. Does the jury really need to go out?

Pete Spencer,
with thanks to Rob & Jan Hoy

Above: The Manor House Right: Cynthia Hoy in Switzerland



YOUTH ACTIVITIES



1st Bedhampton Scout Group

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Small things can make a big difference and I was extremely proud and delighted the week before half term with our Scout Troop. They did a litter pick in some woods just South of Staunton Country Park. It's quite surprising how much difference a small team can do picking up rubbish. The result when I looked back was incredible. In the true spirit of Scouting, they also found jumping over (and in) the stream an entertainment. Several Scouts and Leaders were invested that night under a large oak tree where they said their promise "to do their best".



The Cubs met the day before (Tuesday) and they also got wet but in a slightly different way. They went for a bike ride in the wet and wild UK weather. They must have true Scout Spirit as I can see some smiles in the photos at the end.



The Beaver Scouts also got wet that night as they decided to have a wet walk one week and a water fight another. I realise the magazine goes out several weeks after I write it. At the moment the UK is having a mini heatwave and I'm sat in the warmth of my garden writing this, watching the birds in the garden. Hopefully some of that lasts by the time the magazine reaches you.



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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Explorer Scouts are the oldest and wisest section (or their leaders are). They arranged on the Wednesday to have a sausage sizzle where they taught 'axe and saw' to those who needed it. One of their leaders was also invested.

We've got all our fingers and toes crossed that we will be allowed to do some form of camping this summer. At the moment it hangs in the balance of Covid decisions. Even if we can't, we will be active, staying safe and looking after each other. Please try and do the same.

Nigel Vosper, Group Administrator









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Wordsearch for July: Doubting Thomas - 3rd July

If you have ever doubted aspects of your Christian faith, St Thomas is the saint for you. Thomas, one of Jesus' 12 disciples, was deeply devoted, but also very honest whenever he got confused. When Jesus spoke of going to his Father (John 14), Thomas was not afraid to ask Him where His Father was. As for the Resurrection, that really baffled Thomas. He demanded to see the risen Jesus for himself - and touch the wounds in His hands and feet. When Jesus appeared, Thomas' immediate response was one of worship: "My Lord and my God" (John 20).

Thus, Doubting Thomas' honest doubts, turned to honest faith, have become a reassurance for thousands of us down the centuries who also sometimes doubt Jesus. In Doubting Thomas' complete affirmation of faith, after meeting the risen, crucified Christ, we can find support for our own faith in Him.

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Resurrection Thomas **Baffled** Saint Doubt Demanded Faith Risen Feast See Honest Support Confused Touch Wounds Father Hands Afraid Where Feet Lord Response Worship Mγ God

Answers next month



JUNE WORDSEARCH SOLUTION

Left: Doubting Thomas by Caravaggio, Italian artist, 1601-1602



MOTHERS' UNION



The Mothers' Union is holding their Annual Service, which I feel I should call a Thanksgiving service, having brought us through a terrible year, even though our Prime Minister has extended his 'road map' to the 19th July, and therefore, our service will be held in the Rectory Garden opposite St. Thomas' Bedhampton on the *22nd June at 2.00 p.m., already planned in our programme, followed by afternoon tea, 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!

* New date: Tuesday 3rd August at St Thomas

God Bless
Ann MU Branch Leader

News from further afield

Some of you may remember our former Branch Leader, Betty Cousins, who left the area a few years ago. She joined her local Mothers' Union Branch and has just celebrated 50 years as a MU member. She received a mention in her Church Magazine, see next page.

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BRIDLINGTON PRIORY MOTHERS' UNION

We have been celebrating this week one of our members who has notched up 50 years of being a member of Mothers' Union. What an achievement. We gathered as best we could to ensure that Mrs Elizabeth (Betty) Cousins got the accolade that she deserved.

Betty first joined Mothers' Union with the Bedhampton Branch in the Diocese of Portsmouth on the 7th of April 1971 and in moves to other branches and with her original Bedhampton she has been a committee member, Treasurer and Branch Leader. A full and varied membership in her own inimitable style, Betty is so full of life and fun ensuring that life is never dull around her.

We were delighted to celebrate this occasion with afternoon tea, such a special opportunity could not be missed.

Congratulations Betty.

Margaret Watson for the Bridlington Priory Branch, April 2021





COMMUNITY EVENTS



FUN CLUB

For babies and toddlers parents or carers.

Bidbury Mead on Thursdays 9 – 11 am.

No toys but lots of fun things to do; chat for adults.

Contact Sally on 023 9247 5078 or just come along.

MOTHERS' UNION JULY

7th HOLY COMMUNION & HEALING PRAYER
9.30 am St Thomas

3rd August Tuesday 2pm (new date)
Annual Service at St Thomas
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BAPTISMS

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REST IN PEACE

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



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Cafe Church – 'God at the Movies' Sundays 8th, 13th, 22nd & 29th at St Nicholas

More details:

www.Bedhampton.church/movies and in next month's magazine.

Dates for your Diary

ON-LINE services will be available from 4pm each Sunday.

Sunday 4th July: St Nicholas: 'Thank You Day'
As we approach the end of Covid restrictions
Service 10am followed by APCM 11am.

Saturday 31st July: Summer Fund Raiser at St Nicholas Church, 11am – 2pm.

Tuesday 3rd August, 2pm MU Service, St Thomas (new date)

AUGUST 2021

Magazine

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We warmly welcome advertisers to our magazine but the Parish does not accept responsibility for the quality of work carried out.

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Services for JULY 2021

SUNDAY 4th (Trinity 6)

On-line www.bedhampton.tv

St Nicholas 10.00 am Morning Worship 'Thank You Day'

Followed by A.P.C.M 11 am.

St Thomas 11.00 am No service

St Thomas 6.00 pm Compline

SUNDAY 11th (Trinity 7)

On-line

St Nicholas 9.00 am Morning Worship

St Thomas 11.00 am Holy Communion (on-line 4pm)

SUNDAY 18th (Trinity 8)

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 25th (Trinity 9)

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 7th St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion (M.U.)

Wednesday 14th St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion

Wednesday 21st St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion

Wednesday 28th St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion





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