



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

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021**  
*7th Sunday after Trinity*

**St Nicholas'**

**9am Holy Communion**

Exodus 14: 1-31

Matthew 14: 22-36

*Service streamed at 6pm*

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**St Thomas'**

**11am Morning Prayer**

Exodus 14: 1-31

Matthew 14: 22-36

*Service streamed at 4pm*

*www.Bedhampton.tv*

**6pm Celtic prayer**

***Collect***

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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***

I love the approach Peter, the disciple, has to life. There is a persistence about his go get it attitude on all he does that I admire. He was the one who, when he watched Jesus walk on water, thought I can give that a go. For a while he did walk on water, until he got distracted and sank beneath the waves, only to be rescued by his Lord. Peter was also the one who said he would rather die than leave Jesus, only to deny him three times before that famous cockerel crowed. Nevertheless it was Peter and the meaning of Peter's name being rock that Jesus chose as the example of how His Church should be built. Sometimes Peter's approach might seem like blind faith and optimism in the face of the evidence and his failures. However he did seem to please Jesus, so perhaps we need a little more blind faith in our lives and our churches today.

## *Prayer requests*

### **Street Prayer**

Please pray for the residents of New Road this week.

### **Those requesting prayer:**

Amelia Norman, Margaret & Brian Medway, Nicola Wakefield, Hannah, Rebecca Delmar-Morgan, Denise Milligan, Bernard Stanley

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

### **St Thomas & St Nicholas prayer list**

Names will be removed from the prayer list after one month and 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 21<sup>st</sup> July**

**8am Parish Prayer:** [www.Bedhampton.tv](http://www.Bedhampton.tv), Facebook or Zoom

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

### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

**10am Online Holy Communion:** [www.Bedhampton.tv](http://www.Bedhampton.tv) or Facebook and available afterwards.

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

**10am Coffee & Cake:** St Nicholas' Gwatkin Hall

**Zoom meetings - [www.zoom.us](http://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](http://Bton.uk/zoom) will redirect you to the correct place.

### **General Synod**

The 2021 elections to General Synod are soon to take place. Could God be calling you to be part of the governing body of the Church of England? For more information contact Deb.

### **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 now have two new leaders but they need a treasurer. Could it be you? Phone 07960 479886 or email [judycolwell@sky.com](mailto:judycolwell@sky.com)

### **Dial-a-service**

Call 023 9387 7789 to listen to our service or sermon.

### **Pause & Pray**

A time to pause and gather together to pray for 1 hour for our Borough. 2nd Monday of the month 6 - 7pm at St Thomas Church, Bedhampton. All welcome!

### **Prayer Line**

Prayer is a key part of God's Kingdom coming in Bedhampton. If you have a prayer request, email [Prayer@Bedhampton.church](mailto: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.

### **Children's Society Boxes**

We are aware that house boxes have not been emptied for some time now. We hope to be able to collect them and count the money in the early autumn.

## **Lifting of restrictions**

Following the government's announcement that Covid restrictions will be lifted and replaced by personal responsibility we await guidance from the Church of England. Our expectation is that we will continue to take some precautions as we move forward. For now we shall continue with the existing precautions in our services and will make a further announcement as soon as possible.

## ***Dates for your diary***

**31<sup>st</sup> July** St Nicholas' summer fundraiser (postponed from 3<sup>rd</sup>. July)

### ***Bitesize Bible***

Mark 6: 30 - Mark 8: 21  
1 Corinthians 11: 1 - 1 Corinthians 14: 25  
Judges 9 - Judges 19  
Psalm 86 - Psalm 90

### ***Next week: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July*** *8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity*

**St Nicholas'**  
**9am Morning Worship**  
Acts 10: 9-16  
Matthew 14: 22-36

**St Thomas'**  
**11am Holy Communion**  
Acts 10: 9-16  
Matthew 14: 22-36

## ***Contact us***

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