



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

Sunday 25th July 2021
8th Sunday after Trinity

St Nicholas'
9am Morning Worship
Acts 10: 9-16
Matthew 15: 1-20

St Thomas'
11am Holy Communion
Acts 10: 9-16
Matthew 15: 1-20

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments, that through your most mighty protection, we may be preserved in body and soul, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Rector's Reflections

As I sit on a bright sunny Monday morning, jotting down my reflections, it actually might feel like today really is "Freedom Day". It is of course not for many who fear what the future holds as we walk into more of the unknown of this pandemic. Just what is our response to this renewed freedom, as our Government turns from enforcement of law to personal responsibility? In another context and another time St Paul said "I have the right to do anything", you say – but not everything is beneficial. 'I have the right to do anything' – but not everything is constructive. No one should seek their own good, but the good of others." For us it may be that the "good of others" means wearing a mask when we don't want to, or not wearing a mask. It may be that the "good of others" is a gentle wave two metres away, or a welcomed hug. With personal responsibility comes the possibility of getting it wrong, but when we all look to the "good of others" that will be the real Freedom day.

Prayer requests

Street Prayer

Please pray for the residents of Bedhampton Road this week.

Those requesting prayer:

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

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 28th July

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

No services will be streamed this week but there are many services online. You may wish to worship with St. Faith's, Havant (stfaith.com) or St. Wilfred's, Cowplain (stwilfredscowplain.co.uk)

Friday 30th July

10am Coffee & Cake: St Nicholas' Gwatkin Hall

Saturday 31st July

11am - 2pm Summer Fundraiser: St. Nicholas'

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

St Thomas' coffee rota

We are now able to have tea and coffee after our services but we need people to make it!
If you can help please contact Sue Tate 023 92475375

Parish Magazines

Appeal for help! We need more people to be involved with the production of the parish magazine. If you would like to be involved please contact Carol or Deb.

Magazines will be ready for collection from St Thomas' from Friday 23rd July

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.

Bidbury Junior School

Bidbury junior school need a new school governor. Do you feel called to take on this role?

Prayer Line

Prayer is a key part of God's Kingdom coming in Bedhampton. Please email prayer requests to 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.

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

Our cubs now have two new leaders but they need a treasurer. Could it be you?
Phone 07960 479886 or email judycolwell@sky.com

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!

Lifting of restrictions

You don't have to socially distance, but it is probably sensible to do so. You don't have to wear a mask, but it is probably sensible to do so. This we believe is an approach to the lifting of Covid restrictions in our Church services that is loving to all God's people. We continue to offer sanitizer as you enter our church buildings and we continue to be cautious and have other precautions in place, recognising some people have concerns of what the future might hold. **We are now allowed to sing (yippee!) so come on down and join us this Sunday.**

Mothers' Union meeting dates

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| 27 th July: | No meeting |
| 3 rd August: | Annual meeting and cream tea at the rectory |
| 24 th September: | Quiz or lunch out |
| 10 th October: | Harvest festival |
| 23 rd October: | Coffee morning |
| 24 th November: | Max speaking about Ghana |
| 7 th December: | Christmas meal at The Castle, 12noon |

Bitesize Bible

Mark 8: 22 - Mark 10: 34
1 Corinthians 14: 26 - 2 Corinthians 2: 17
Judges 20: 1 - 1 Samuel 8: 22
Psalm 91 – Psalm 97

Next week: Sunday 1st August
9th Sunday after Trinity

St Nicholas'
9am Morning Worship
TBC
Matthew 15: 21-28

St Thomas'
11am Morning Prayer
Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15
John 6: 24-35

Contact us

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