



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

Sunday 1st August 2021
9th Sunday after Trinity

St Nicholas'
9am Morning Worship
Luke 18: 1-8
Matthew 15: 21-28

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

Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.

Observations from the office

There is discussion in most churches about how things will be done in the future and many of us don't want our lives to go back to being as they were pre pandemic. Things have changed and will continue to change, which can be scary for some, but change can also allow us to flourish. I am a firm believer in the 'if it ain't broke don't mend it' but sometimes things do need mending and changes are necessary to bring fresh enthusiasm into our lives. In the book of Job we find these words "For there is hope for a tree, if it be cut, that it will sprout again, and that its shoots will not cease. Though its root grow old in the earth and its stump die in the soil, yet at the scent of water it will bud and put out branches like a young plant." Some things in our lives need to change so that we can flourish again, just like the tree that is cut down. None of us know how things will pan out over the next few months but if we're open to new thoughts, ideas and possibilities then we could be about to embark on our next great adventure!

Prayer

We congratulate Kayleigh Bennett and James McLean on their marriage and pray for their future life together.

Street Prayer

Please pray for the residents of Ernest Road this week.

Those requesting prayer:

Amelia Norman, Nicola Wakefield, Hannah, Rebecca Delmar-Morgan, Denise Milligan, Bernard Stanley, Cliff Blofield, Linda Brown

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

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 Church of the good shepherd, Crookhorn (COGScrookhorn on youtube)

Wednesday 4th August

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

Friday 6th August

10am Coffee & Cake: St Nicholas' Gwatkin Hall

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.

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 and delivery of the parish magazine. If you are able to be involved please contact Carol or Deb.

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?

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.

Mothers' Union meeting dates

3rd Aug: Annual service and cream tea
28th Sept: Quiz or lunch out
10th Oct: Harvest festival
23rd Oct: Coffee morning
23rd Nov: Max about Ghana
7th Dec: Christmas meal

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.

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.**

Bitesize Bible

Mark 10: 35 - Mark 12: 27
2 Corinthians 3: 1 - 2 Corinthians 8: 24
1 Samuel 9: 1 – 1 Samuel 20: 42
Psalm 98 – Psalm 103

Next week: Sunday 8th August
10th Sunday after Trinity

St. Nicholas'
9am Café church
God at the movies
Galatians 3: 23-29
Matthew 22: 32-40

St. Thomas'
11am Holy Communion
Galatians 3: 23-39
Matthew 22: 32-40

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