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Dear Friends

This is your personal invite! But to what?

On the week of 19th September we want to welcome you back to the Church family. It may be that during the pandemic thoughts have crossed your mind about what might be. Perhaps similar to the moment I held my young daughter in my arms and realised she was a gift that didn't just arrive by accident. You are welcome to explore that with us.

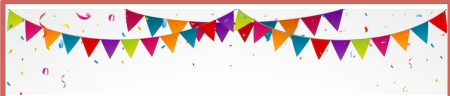
Maybe you simply have not returned since the pandemic first impacted our lives so much. As we learn to live with Covid is this the date to take that step? Well you are invited to find out with us. It could of course have been a long time since you felt part of the family. Followers of Jesus are human and can muck up, perhaps you have been hurt by someone calling themselves a Christian in the past. I am as flawed as the next person, but Jesus encourages us to walk together despite our ups and downs. Is this the time to put a stake in the ground for you? You are welcome to seek that peace and walk forward with us.

You are welcome any time to join us, but on the 19th September there will be a special welcome for you. There will be a simple 9am Morning Worship service at St Thomas' in Bidbury Lane and a relaxed 10.30am Communion service at St Nicholas' in Belmont Grove; or perhaps you might prefer a 9.30am Communion service at St Thomas' on Wednesday 22nd September. All our services have a time to chat and have a drink after we have worshipped.

One thing we have learnt from the last eighteen months is that no one can predict the future, it's almost like God had warned of us in his scriptures! However we do know that God can use all things for good and we are excited about what God has for Bedhampton in the future. We cannot wait to see how He can use us for that good in Bedhampton and this is your personal invite to join us in that journey.

*Max Cross  
Rector*

# PARISH NEWS



## Summer Fundraiser

St. Nicholas Church

Saturday 31st July

A successful event which raised funds for our toilets upgrade at St Nicholas. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

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

## Messy Church Co-ordinator

Could you be the next co-ordinator for Messy Church? If so, speak to Max.

It is hoped to run a Harvest Messy Church event in early October.

## The Parish Magazine needs YOU

The Parish Magazine is a vital part of our communication to the community, and Max <sup>50p</sup> comments that he often has conversations with people who enjoy it. We really need help with the preparation of the magazine.

If you can help, please speak to Max or Carol Frogley.



Cover photo: The Scouts on camp.

## Pause And Pray

A time to pause and gather together to pray for our Borough for 1 hour. This group will resume on the second Monday of the month 6-7pm at St Thomas Church, Bedhampton. 13th September All welcome!

## AFGHANISTAN CRISIS

The Archbishop of Canterbury has spoken in the [House of Lords](#) about our moral duty to help the Afghan people. One very practical thing that can be done is to support Christian Aid's continuing work in Afghanistan. We also pray for the situation.

## BEDHAMPTON CALENDAR 2022

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



If you have any photos of local interest, please send them to the Parish Office, either by email or prints. All prints will be safely returned to you.

## Has anyone found a defibrillator?

Last month we featured the one at the Social Hall and how to use it. But there must be more in Bedhampton. Please let us know if you spot one.

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**CHANGES AFOOT**

During the pandemic we amended our service times to allow our team to run two physical services as well as our online services, announcing that we would review the approach later in the year. We have been in that process of discussion and review, with those who currently attend our services and those who live in the community but do not yet attend. From this review it is clear we need to provide online services as well as physical services in the future. Another shift in society means that the majority of young families responding (over 90%) would prefer a much later start to a family friendly service. This was somewhat of a shock for me, because in our child rearing days we would have preferred an earlier start. However, we have a desire to grow in impact, depth and number; and a vision to be a place where all ages gather together to worship God in a range of expressions. Which means for this reason the leadership team has taken the decision to listen and amend our service times to reach those who are yet to join us.

Our service pattern times that will run from **5th September** are below. For some this will be an inconvenience and a sacrifice as we reach out to our community, whilst others are grateful for the change. I want to thank all of you for your commitment to Bedhampton and our vision to serve this area for Jesus. We continue seeking to provide the best of traditional Anglican services at St Thomas’ led by God’s Holy Spirit. Indeed we will continue to grow St Nicholas’ services to be a relaxed Holy Spirit led Anglican expression of worship for God, that is accessible for all. Our children’s group will return in September and Messy Church in October. The Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion will continue at St Thomas’; and I believe we are being asked to grow this service to be an excellent time of worship and fellowship for those who are able and prefer to attend a midweek service. All services will finish with refreshments and a time to catch up as we move forward as God’s people in Bedhampton.

Thank you for your support.

**Services In Bedhampton**

	<b>St Thomas’</b>	<b>St Nicholas’</b>
1st Sunday	9am Morning Prayer 6pm BST / 4pm GMT Compline	10.30am Messy Church (from October)
2nd Sunday	9am Holy Communion	10.30am Morning Worship
3rd Sunday	9am Morning Prayer 6pm BST / 4pm GMT Celtic Evening Prayer	10.30am Holy Communion
4th Sunday	9am Holy Communion	10.30am Morning Prayer
5th Sunday	9am Holy Communion	10.30am Morning Prayer

All services are streamed live or later at [www.Bedhampton.tv](http://www.Bedhampton.tv) and Facebook.

# PARISH NEWS

## AUGUST WAS MOVIE MONTH CAFÉ CHURCH AT ST NICHOLAS'

Sundays August 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th

August was movie month at St Nicholas. It was fun watching clips from each film and discovering some links to the Bible. Films included Luca, Superman, Brave and Toy Story.



## Covid: Lifting of restrictions

Following the government's announcement that Covid restrictions would be lifted towards the end of July and replaced by personal responsibility, we were guided by advice from the Church of England.

So we don't have to socially distance or wear a mask, but it is probably sensible to do so and many have done 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 and have other precautions in place, recognising that some people have concerns as to what the future might hold.

Oh, and we are now allowed to sing, and we did enjoy some old and new favourites. So come on down and join us on Sundays. We do intend to sing hymns again!

## REFURBISHMENTS AT ST NICHOLAS

As funds grow for this project, we are hopeful that work will begin very soon. We are grateful for a number of generous donations, including from John Martin, in memory of his wife Nora. *(pictured left).*



### St Nick's Flicks

**We're back!**

**A new season begins on  
Tuesday 21st  
September**

with a very popular film  
at St Nicholas Church  
1.45pm for 2pm start

A free film show with refreshments and interval. All welcome, no need to book. Contact the office for film details.

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## ON-LINE SERVICES TO CONTINUE

Our St. Nicholas' 10.30am service will be streamed live on [www.Bedhampton.tv](http://www.Bedhampton.tv), Facebook and YouTube. We are unable to install broadband at St. Thomas' so those services will be recorded and then streamed on Sunday from 4pm; the Wednesday service will be streamed from 10am on Thursdays.

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

# RIDE+STRIDE for Churches

## Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride Saturday 11th September

Ride+Stride Day is an exceptional opportunity to discover the rich heritage of our historic church buildings, see beautiful countryside, get some exercise travelling between the churches and have fun with friends and family. Ride and Stride is a chance for you, your family and friends to visit churches, chat with church representatives and learn more about the history and heritage of the churches. You can be sure the sponsorship money you raise will be used for repairs and restoration to the churches and chapels of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

As a participant, your sponsored journey on Saturday 11th September 2021 between as many churches as you wish, can be on foot, bicycle, scooter, horseback, canoe, bus or classic car, exploring and enjoying the countryside from Sandown to Silchester, Fordingbridge to Farnborough. As there are over 400 churches due to be open, you can have fun choosing which will be part of your itinerary. Many will have refreshments, some will have toilets open, and all should offer your group a warm welcome.

Sponsor forms can be obtained from the website, on the Participant Registration page or from the Parish Office. The use of Virgin Money Giving is encouraged as the easiest, quickest and secure way to gather sponsors.

Remember to plan your route. Again this can be done using the route planning page on the website, or by using an old fashioned map, pencil and paper!

See: [hihct.org.uk/taking-part](http://hihct.org.uk/taking-part)





You may remember that, at the beginning of 2020, the church family at St Nicholas and St Thomas embarked on a programme of Messy Church on the first Sunday of each month. 'How did that go?' - I hear you ask! Well, we had two great sessions – Noah in February and Peter in March. Then of course we had to shut down.

During the rest of 2020 Messy Church was produced online. Sometimes Max and Suzy introduced the proceedings and gave us an incite into life at the Rectory! Who knew how competitive our Rector is and how long suffering his wife?! It was fun. Each month activities on a theme could be logged into and we pray that families found them inspiring and fun.

So now that things have opened up again, we are planning to continue with our vision for Messy Sundays. This ministry, like so many other things in our lives, has had to change radically. During 2018 and 2019 we spent time in prayerful consideration of the future of our church. When this project was first suggested, at the end of 2019, thirty people came forward to set it up. We are delighted that so many of them are still able to help, despite the problems of the last 18 months.

As a church, we firmly believe that the ministry of Messy Church is a blessing both to those who come and to those who lead. We believe that God is leading us forward in this work and we will continue to ask for His guidance.

The first Messy Sunday of the new academic year will be on 5th October when the theme will be Harvest. We pray that we will be able to meet for Messy Sundays on the first Sunday of each month for the foreseeable future.

These sessions are not just for families, there is something for everyone.

Please come – you will be welcome!

*Gill Matthews*

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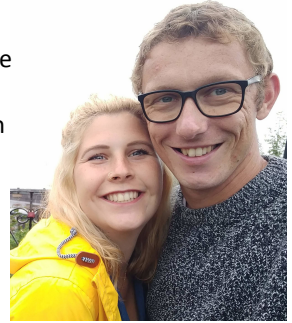
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## Sam & Chloe to visit Bedhampton

In last month's magazine, it was announced that Sam and Chloe Mutton were hoping to join us at the end of this month. Sadly that is not possible at this time due to the Covid situation, both in Uganda and in this country.

We look forward to a time in the not too distant future when they are able to visit and to tell us more about their work in Uganda.



A Harvest Service will be held on 13th October.



We congratulate **Emily Ashworth** who will soon be leaving us to continue her studies. Having spent several months on placement in the parish, leading services and giving a number of interesting sermons, she has now been accepted to go forward for ordination.

## FAMILY NEWS

We send our good wishes to those who celebrate anniversaries and birthdays this month including Alec Matthews, Paddy Williams and Christine Mayes.



## SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

to **Geoff and Anne Nellthorp** (left) who celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary this month.

Married on 1st September 1956 at St Luke's Church, Winchester, Geoff and Anne spent their honeymoon in Guernsey. We send them every good wish on their special day, sometimes known as the Blue Sapphire Anniversary.



### Bedhampton Volunteers keep up the good work



At the end of July, the BVs finally completed the carved owls to Methodist church section, neatening it all up. Ten volunteers were there weeding, hedge trimming, smartening the pathway, and some planting of recent donations. Martin B and debut brother Julian were seeing to the lawn area of Hillmead first, with Ian also there for the morning weeding. A Gold perhaps?

Watching the best ever Olympics, it would appear that we should consider our celebrations after sorting

out each section, but remembering to limber up first for the most extravagant moves!

The BV 18 year policy has simply been to accept all donations and only turn away weeds, but the cost has been that no other groups in other areas have sought to replicate our routine of upgrading their horticultural local area, and so there has been a steady accumulation of tools and appliances beyond our needs, without opportunities to off-load. The appliances are mainly stored at a local garage in Bedhampton Road. We have to meet the some gardening people who are presenting a case of not being able to reach their own stored items, due to the amount of lawn mowers and electric shredders which do form a considerable barrier. So, if you have any ideas for recycling the larger pieces or for future storage, otherwise they will have to be scrapped, all in working order. We may have the partial use of a garage nearby.

There will be a Quiz at St Nicholas Church hall on **Saturday 23rd October** – teams of 6, £5 each, children free – 7 for 7.30pm, bring your own nibbles and drinks – proceeds to Havant Athletics Club.

*Pete Spencer*

### All in the month of September

**Climate Sunday is this month.** Sunday 5th September is being designated Climate Sunday, ahead of the UN's climate change conference, COP26, in Glasgow during November. How should we approach the challenge of climate change?

Harry Secombe who was well known for his buffoonery, as well as his powerful tenor voice, was born 100 years ago on 8th September 1921. He presented BBC's Songs of Praise and regularly sang the hymns.

September 15th marks the Battle of Britain Anniversary, sometimes remembered with flypasts of a Spitfire. Some are often seen along the South Coast.

Thirty years ago on 22nd September 1991, photos and transcripts of the Dead Sea Scrolls were made available generally for the first time.

## DID YOU FIND A DEFIBRILLATOR?

In an emergency do you know where the nearest defibrillator is situated in Bedhampton? You may be able to save a life. A defibrillator is a device that gives high energy electric shocks to the heart of someone who is in cardiac arrest. This high energy shock is an essential part in trying to save the life of someone who is in cardiac arrest.



We gave you the location of one; outside the Community Centre in Bedhampton Road. Do you know of any others in our vicinity?

Details of the procedure of how to use the defibrillator were given in the August issue. So, make sure you know where the nearest one is situated – we hope you will never need to use one, but safety first!

We have yet to hear from any reader who may have found one at another location. Send your answers to the Parish Office in Belmont Grove, marked 'magazine'. Or send by email [Hello@bedhamptonparish.org.uk](mailto:Hello@bedhamptonparish.org.uk)

*Janice Stott*

## REPAIR CAFÉ – HAVANT – SATURDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

A new venture for Havant is the Repair Café where volunteers attempt to mend household items that might otherwise be thrown away. The repairs are undertaken for free but, if you feel inclined to donate, then that's great! The event is held on the first Saturday of the month, from 10:00 to 12:30 in the Pallant Centre (St Faith's Church Hall).

The types of repair are: electrical, electronic, wood, metal, jewellery, sewing etc. So, if you have a broken toaster, a dodgy chair, or a bicycle in need of attention, why not come along to the next session, which is on 4th September?

Coffee and cake is available whilst you're waiting!

Have a look at the website for more information:

[www.repaircafehavant.org.uk](http://www.repaircafehavant.org.uk).



*Neville Quick*

**Others** *If it is true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?*

# YOUTH ACTIVITIES



## 1st Bedhampton Scout Group

[www.1stbedhampton.co.uk](http://www.1stbedhampton.co.uk)

In July 2021 the Cubs, Scouts and Rhino Explorers all returned to camping. This was after a spell of 19 months stretching all the way back to Christmas camp in 2019!

We all have been taking it slowly as we are a little out of practice - Leaders included! The aim of July was to have two weekend practice camps before embarking on the main 5-7 day camps in August. I'll tell you all about those next month.



The Beaver Scouts are the youngest section, and we hope we can hold a camp for them in September. In the mean-time, they have held a Beaver Sports Day and I made the mistake of entering their area when they were 'testing' water pistols in the hot weather.

The Cubs, Scouts and Rhino Explorers all finished the term on Hayling Beach where the fine art of 'extreme paddling' was perfected under close supervision, followed by a BBQ.



Till next month,  
keep active,  
keep looking  
after yourselves  
and each other.

*Nigel Vosper  
Group  
Administrator*





## 4<sup>th</sup> Bedhampton Guides' cookout

It has been somewhat of a tradition to enjoy a cookout at Broadmarsh shore at the end of the summer term and as we were back face to face outdoors, a slight change in the risk assessment meant that we could go ahead with it. We were so excited as it couldn't happen last year and we had a number of girls that hadn't ever enjoyed the experience.

Having really enjoyed this myself as a Guide in Bedhampton, under the watchful eye of Margaret and Elizabeth Hobbs, I wanted to make sure that the girls in our unit would have the same opportunity each year.



We have had torrential rain and thunderstorms on more than one occasion whilst cooking on the shore, but this time, the sun came out and we had a beautiful evening. We began with three girls making their Guide Promises in front of their parents and a smokey introduction to Guiding has got them off to a good start!



# YOUTH ACTIVITIES



India Cornish (Jane's granddaughter) becomes the first of a third generation in their family to belong to our unit, and so a very special occasion, particularly for them.



A really lovely surprise was a visit from three former Guides who found out we were on the shore and popped in to say hello. Their paths would never have crossed if they hadn't been involved in Guiding with us, and needless to say, we bribed them with a sausage or two if they agreed to run a wide game in the Autumn!



Always on the lookout for future leaders.....  
'once a 4<sup>th</sup> Bedhampton Guide,  
always a 4<sup>th</sup> Guide!'

Sizzling sausages and delicious 's'mores' (toasted marshmallow in between two chocolate digestive biscuits – so named because you just want 'some more') and copious amounts of laughter has ensured 4<sup>th</sup> Guides are back to 'normal' – whatever our 'normal' is!

*Hayley Gillians, Guide Guider*





## Sundays at St Nicholas'



Our churches in Bedhampton are open and ready to welcome you back!

Next term there will be a full programme of fun and learning about Jesus each Sunday at 10.30am at St Nicholas' Church starting on 5th September



Messy Church will be at 10.30am on 3rd October, 7th November, 5th December

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# PUZZLE PAGE

## Wordsearch for September: The Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13.24-30)

Do you ever wonder why there is both good and evil allowed in this world? Jesus told a parable that touched on this subject – it is called the Parable of the Weeds. It runs like this: Consider the world as if it were a field where a Farmer has sown good seed. But then an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat. So when the wheat came up, so did the weeds. What to do? Instead of destroying the weeds, and thereby risking the wheat, the Farmer tells his reapers to wait and let both wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. At the harvest he will instruct the reapers to gather up the wheat, but to discard the weeds. So do not despair when evil seems to thrive in this world – there is a reckoning still to come, and justice will be done.

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| Barn     | Burned   |

### AUGUST WORDSEARCH SOLUTION

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Answers next month





# THE GARDEN SHOW IN AUTUMN AT BROADLANDS

Following the complete cancellation of all the Garden Shows in 2020, the organisation is pleased to announce the sell-out success of the Stansted and Loseley Park Shows this year.

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**1 - 3 October 2021** (30 September - 2 October 2022)



## MOTHERS' UNION UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2021

At last on Tuesday 3rd August we were able to have our Annual Service and tea. The weather was not being very reliable so a decision was made to have the tea in the Parish Room rather than in the Rectory Garden. However, that did not daunt the spirits of those ladies who were able to attend. Our M.U. Branch Leader Ann co-ordinated the service and Max led the proceedings. We were happy to welcome the Diocesan M.U. representative, Sheila King, who also gave us an outline of the work M.U. had managed to achieve in spite of the Lockdown. There had been many knitters still supplying the baby unit at the Q.A. and also fund raising by selling cards and other M.U. goods in order to raise money for the AFIA programme. This is the 'Away From It All' project which we support and which enables families who cannot afford a holiday to have a day out or a few days away. It was lovely to be able to be together and although there was no hugging, there was plenty of smiling and waving. Max did say in his talk that when he came to our parish he did not know much about the M.U. apart from the fact it was a group of elderly ladies who met for meetings and prayer. However, he has since then realised what very valuable work is done all over the world, working with all types of people and supporting many of the worldwide issues facing ladies and family life. We remembered Olive Sheasby, a very long standing member who had moved away at the beginning of the Pandemic and who had subsequently died; we were pleased we had been able to attend the memorial service held for her at St. Thomas. We still have some members who are reluctant to venture out, but we are hoping this will change eventually. We also thought of Pat Jay who became housebound in March 2020 and is currently in the Q.A. hospital, sadly one of many visits she has made during the last eighteen months. On a happier note we were very pleased to welcome Fiona, daughter of Stella and Brian Harris at the service.

Christine and Pat Barratt had arrived early to set up our tea in the Parish Room and the scones made by Christine together with cream and jam plus homemade cakes were soon devoured. Sandra, Catherine and Ann coped with filling the teapot and all this eating and drinking was accompanied by chattering voices as many of us had not met for several months. It is surprising how much noise chattering elderly ladies can make and so much better face to face chatting rather than the telephone or by Zoom.

On August 9th, Ann, Catherine, Pam and Marion attended the diocesan service which was held in St. James' Church Emsworth. It was nice to meet up with ladies from other M.U. groups and listen to the work of the diocese and especially those who are trained to help young teenagers and young families who might be struggling. Again we had afternoon tea with sandwiches, cakes and scones being devoured. My excuse is that we have been in lockdown and restricted indoor meetings for such a long time, it is now time to show our appreciation of the goodies and efforts the catering ladies have produced and blow



the effect on our waistlines!

Our next meeting will be a quiz and fun afternoon on TUESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER at 2pm at St. Nicholas' Church Hall and we hope everyone will feel encouraged to come and join in. See you there.

*Marion Machell.* St. Thomas M.U.

Our annual Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 23rd October.

## 9/11 – 20 years on

*Back in 2002, one year on from 9/11, the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Rowan Williams, reflected on the terrible attack. All these years later, we think it is worth looking back on what he said.*



'For myself, the view of the skyline of New York from a plane is one of the most majestic I have ever seen. Dominating it until 9/11 2001 were, of course, the twin towers of the World Trade Centre. The shattering attack on those soaring symbols of Western capitalism on 11th September 2001 not only altered radically the skyline of New York, it also made us more aware than we have ever been of our vulnerability to sudden and unpredictable change.

'Jesus makes of the skyline an unusual metaphor for belief and behaviour. His followers should not be motivated by defensive and self-protective concerns, but rather should be like a shining city whose bright lights are clearly visible in the darkness for miles around. 'You are the light of the world' Christ had already told his followers. They were not to hide the truth, but rather to bear confident witness to it.

'The terrible events on 11th September 2001 impacted on both the physical landscape of Manhattan, and upon the landscape of the human spirit. But we Christians in the West must not lose our nerve. In times of darkness, the light must shine forth brightly. I have become more convinced than ever of the durability of the Christian faith and its deep relevance to life today. Christianity is flourishing in every corner of the world, people of all ages and all backgrounds continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and to answer His call.

'They certainly did so in New York in the immediate aftermath of the September 11th. A short distance from where the Twin Towers once dominated the Manhattan skyline stands St Paul's Chapel, one of the oldest churches in New York. It escaped the devastation virtually unscathed. Its remarkable survival has made it a special place of pilgrimage. It points us towards that heavenly city, where the skyline will be eternal and indestructible. No amount of change, no matter how frightening or painful it may be, can separate us from the love of God.'

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## MOTHERS' UNION SEPTEMBER

28th Quiz Afternoon  
Tuesday, 2 pm *St Nicholas*

*Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: Coffee Morning*

*Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November: Talk by Max Cross*

*Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Lunch*  
*All welcome*

## Portsmouth Decorative & Fine Arts Society

Lectures will be held via Zoom  
for the time being for members.

*The next lecture will be in October*  
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**Theme: Going forward**

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**Dates for your September diary**

**Saturday 4th September: 10am - 1pm**

*Havant Repair Café, The Pallant Centre,  
St Faith's Church Hall*

**Saturday 11th September: Ride and Stride**

*Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust - see p.5*

**Monday 13th September: Pause and Pray**

*at St Thomas 6pm*

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## Services for SEPTEMBER 2021

### SUNDAY 5th

On-line

St Thomas 9.00 am

St Nicholas 10.30 am

St Thomas 6.00 pm

### ( Trinity 14 )

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Morning Prayer

Morning Worship

Compline

### SUNDAY 12th

St Thomas 9.00 am

St Nicholas 10.30 am

### ( Trinity 15 )

Holy Communion

Morning Worship

### SUNDAY 19th

St Thomas 9.00 am

St Nicholas 10.30 am

St Thomas 6.00 pm

### ( Trinity 16 )

*'Back to Church Sunday'*

Morning Prayer

Holy Communion

Celtic Evening Prayer

### SUNDAY 26th

St Thomas 9.00 am

St Nicholas 10.30 am

### ( Trinity 17 )

Holy Communion

Morning Worship

**This month's Theme: More from the Gospel of St Matthew**

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**Wednesday 8th** St Thomas 9.30 am MU Holy Communion

**Wednesday 15th** St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion

**Wednesday 22nd** St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion

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