



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

Sunday 8th August 2021
10th Sunday after Trinity

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

St Thomas'
11am Holy Communion
Galatians 3: 23-29
Matthew 22: 32-40

Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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

'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Jesus took an ancient law and reminded everyone that, after loving God, loving people was the most important action anyone could take. However, as with much of Jesus' teachings, it is easy to read and agree with but incredibly difficult to live out. Take a moment to consider any man made evil in our world. Would not the simple application of loving other people, as we would want to be loved, reverse such evil? Who could disagree with that approach to life? Now let us consider the ramifications of living that out. It could mean forgoing your own best interest, not just for those you love, but for anyone in need. Yes, because we are all God's people, everyone is our neighbour. Perhaps this being a disciple of Jesus isn't a crutch for the weak after all. Just maybe it is the biggest challenge we will ever tackle and yet the most fulfilling.

Prayer

Honey Redman and Beau Brooks are being baptised this week.
Please hold them and their families in your prayers.

Hannah Crawford and Darren Newman will be getting married this week. We pray for their future married life together.

Street Prayer

Please pray for the residents of Tarrant Gardens this week.

Those requesting prayer:

Amelia Norman, Nicola Wakefield, Hannah, Rebecca Delmar-Morgan, Denise Milligan, Bernard Stanley, Cliff Blofield, Linda Brown, Eric Armitage, Anne Nellthorpe, Pat Jay

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 11th August

9.30am Holy Communion: St. Nicholas'

(please note venue change as we have a wedding at St Thomas')

Stay for a chat, a drink and a biscuit afterwards.

Friday 13th 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.

Summer Fundraiser

Many thanks to all involved with the summer fundraiser. £780 was raised!

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.

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.

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!

Bidbury Junior School

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

Service times

We are currently researching the possibility of changing the times of our services. One proposal is a 9am at St. Thomas and 10.30am at St. Nicholas'. We feel that a later service may be more accessible to young people. If you have any thoughts, ideas or comments please speak to Max or one of the church wardens

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

St Nicholas' Refurbishment

We need £116,000 to upgrade the toilets and repair the roof of the Gwatkin hall. We currently have £79,172 from church funds, loans and donations. Please can you help? www.bedhampton.church/flushed

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 12: 23 - Mark 14: 11
2 Corinthians 9: 1 - 2 Corinthians 12: 21
1 Samuel 21: 1 – 2 Samuel 4: 12
Psalm 104 – Psalm 108

Next week: Sunday 15th August
11th Sunday after Trinity

St. Nicholas'
9am God at the movies
Luke 4: 1-15

St. Thomas'
11am Morning Prayer
Luke 4: 1-15
6pm Celtic Prayer

Contact us

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