



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

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021**  
*11th Sunday after Trinity*

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

**St Thomas'**  
**11am Holy Communion**  
Luke 4: 1-15  
**6pm Celtic Prayer**  
*Service streamed at 4pm*  
*[www.Bedhampton.tv](http://www.Bedhampton.tv)*

### ***Collect***

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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***

In our Sunday services last week you will have heard me tell a story of someone sacrificing their preference for what they believe is God's direction in Bedhampton. You will have heard how it boosted my spirit, encouraged and inspired me to move forward. That is God's Church at work, and that is God's good news on the move. On Monday night at "Pause and Pray", in St Thomas', we were praying for unity within the Church. I heard a leader from another denomination thanking God for those who had worshipped in St Thomas' down through the ages. They continued with such obvious love to pray for the riches of God's grace to be poured out upon those who worship in St Thomas' today. Again I was grateful for a sister who encouraged and inspired me. Jesus said by the way we love one another, people will know we are His disciples. How, I wonder, is he calling you and I to love one another today?

## *Prayer*

Hannah and Darren Newman were married last week in St Thomas'.  
We pray for their future married life together.

### **Street Prayer**

Please pray for the residents of Westways 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, Caleb, Margaret Walker, Mike,  
Emma Whitelock

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 18<sup>th</sup> August**

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

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

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August**

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

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August**

**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.

### **Childrens' group**

We need a name for our new Sunday childrens' group. If you have any ideas please speak to our childrens' co-ordinator, Gill Matthews.

### **St Nicholas' Committee Room**

In preparation for our childrens' work we will be clearing out the committee room. If you need to retrieve anything please do!

### **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 magazine. Could you spare a little while each month to deliver to Lower Road or Park Lane? If you are able to be involved please contact Carol or Deb.

### **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!

### **Fat rector slim!**

Max's weight is stable but he wants to get back onto the weight loss plan. Please sponsor him to show your encouragement, if you can. All money raised will go to the St. Nicholas' refurbishment fund.

### **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.

### **Ride & Stride**

Deb is taking part in Ride & Stride this year and is hoping to donate money to every parish in our deanery. If you wish you can sponsor her at: [www.uk.virginmoneygiving.com](http://www.uk.virginmoneygiving.com)

## **St Nicholas' Refurbishment**

We need £116,000 to upgrade the toilets and repair the roof of the Gwatkin hall. Our fundraising is going well but we still need £32,000. Please can you help? [www.bedhampton.church/flushed](http://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 14: 12 - Mark 15: 15  
2 Corinthians 13: 1 – Galatians 4: 20  
2 Samuel 5: 1 – 2 Samuel 17: 29  
Psalm 109 – Psalm 114

***Next week: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August***  
*12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity*

**St. Nicholas'**  
**9am God at the movies**  
Ephesians 4: 2-6  
Mark 3: 31-35

**St. Thomas'**  
**11am Holy Communion**  
Ephesians 4: 2-6  
Mark 3: 31-35

### ***Contact us***

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**The parish office will be closed on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> August.**