



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

Sunday 29th August 2021
13th Sunday after Trinity

St Nicholas'

9am God at the movies

1 John 3: 1-10

John 3: 1-10

St Thomas'

11am Holy Communion

1 John 3: 1-10

John 3: 1-10

Service streamed at 4pm
www.Bedhampton.tv

Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Rector's Reflections

This week is the last of our "God at the Movies" where we have been looking for signs of Jesus in films. It got me thinking about how we can box God in. We may be beyond the understanding that God is only in the church building, but have we let Him completely out of our human made containers or do we limit Him to the times when we open our Bibles or sit quietly in prayer? In the last week I also shared a reflection about how three friends and I meet every Saturday for support and accountability. We always put five chairs around the table. Not to remind God to be there, but to remind us He is there. If we can find God in movies then, as we go about our way this week, perhaps we can look to be surprised where we might find our Lord as He goes with us. If we need to put out a spare symbolic chair that is fine.

Prayer

It is with deep sadness that we announce the sudden death of Pam Facer on Tuesday 24th August. Pam has been at the core of our worshipping community for many years and has served diligently in many areas. She will be greatly missed by all of us. Please pray for Mick and the family.

Emelia Rutter is being baptised this week.
We pray for her and her family.

Street Prayer

Please pray for the residents of Wigan Crescent this week.

Those requesting prayer:

Amelia Norman, Nicola Wakefield, Hannah, Rebecca Delmar-Morgan, Denise Milligan, Bernard Stanley, Cliff Blofield, Linda Brown, Eric Armitage, Anne Nellthorp, Pat Jay, Caleb, Margaret Walker, Mike, Emma Whitelock, Mae Whitelock, Havant athletics club athletes

We remember all those who have died
and those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

What's on this week

Wednesday 1st September

8am Parish Prayer: www.Bedhampton.tv, Facebook or zoom

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

Thursday 2nd September

10am Online Holy Communion: www.Bedhampton.tv or Facebook and available afterwards

Friday 3rd September

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.

Invitation Sunday 19th September

Is there someone who you've always wanted to invite to church? Perhaps they used to attend a church, or maybe they never have, but the pandemic has made them think. Don't decide for them, but please take five invitation cards and pass them on. You can take some to deliver in your street as well. Invitations are available in both Church buildings.

Service times

Our new pattern of services commences next week. St. Thomas' services will now be at **9am** and St. Nicholas' services will be at **10.30am**. There are letters in each church explaining our reasons behind this. Please pray that our new timings will help us to reach more families.

Children's group

We need a name for our new Sunday children's group. If you have any ideas please speak to Gill Matthews.

Reminder to Parish Magazine Distributors : Your packs of the September magazine will be available for collection from St. Thomas' from Sunday, 29th August.

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!

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

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

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

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

Luke 1: 39 - Luke 2: 52
Ephesians 2: 10 - Ephesians 4: 24
1 Kings 4: 1 - 1 Kings 12: 33
Psalm 119: 17 - 64

Next week: Sunday 5th September
14th Sunday after Trinity

St. Thomas'
9am Morning Prayer
Psalm 51
Matthew 15: 29-39

St. Nicholas'
10.30am Morning Worship
Psalm 51
Matthew 15: 29-39

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