



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

Sunday 5th 2021
14th Sunday after Trinity

St Thomas'

9am Morning Prayer

Psalm 51

Matthew 15: 29-39

6pm Compline

Service streamed at 4pm

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St Nicholas'

10.30am Morning Worship

Psalm 51

Matthew 15: 29-39

Service streamed at 6pm

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Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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

"I have compassion for these people." Words spoken from Jesus as we return to investigate His biography we call Matthew's Gospel. In the midst of being the star of a festival His concern is not if the lighting and the sound are working correctly. His concern is not that his triple filtered, Columbian bean cappuccino is just the right temperature. His concern is not for Himself, but for the ordinary people and their most ordinary needs. Whatever you are going through, however big or small it seems to us, Jesus has compassion for you. What use is compassion, without action we might ask? However this is compassion from a God who is powerful enough to take action for those who are in need when we turn to Him. Action in the immediate and action into eternity. Let us turn to the God who has compassion for us this week.

Prayer

Sadly we have to announce the death of Pat Jay on Thursday 26th August after a short illness. Pat was a committed member of the St Thomas' congregation and the Mothers' Union for many years. Her gentle humour and humble approach to life was an example for all of us, and we will miss her. We pray for her family and friends.

We remember all those who have died,
particularly Pat Jay and Pam Facer,
and those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

We pray for Jessica Edser and Michael Matthews
as they begin their married life together.

Street Prayer

Please pray for the residents of Portsea View this week.

Those requesting prayer:

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

What's on this week

Wednesday 8th September

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

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

Thursday 9th September

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

Friday 10th 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.

News

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.

World Mission Committee

If you would like to nominate a charity to be considered by the World Mission Committee please speak to Roy.

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 3: 1 - Luke 4: 44
Ephesians 4: 25 - Philippians 1: 11
1 Kings 13: 1 - 2 Kings 3: 27
Psalm 119: 65 - 112

Next week: Sunday 12th September

15th Sunday after Trinity

St. Thomas'
9am Holy Communion
Jonah 2: 1-10
Matthew 16: 1-12

St. Nicholas'
10.30am Morning Worship
Jonah 2: 1-10
Matthew 16: 1-12

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