



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

Sunday 5th December 2021
2nd Sunday of Advent

St Thomas'
9.00am Morning Prayer
Malachi 3: 1-4
Luke 3: 1-6
Service streamed at 4pm
www.Bedhampton.tv

St Nicholas'
10.30am Messy Church

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Rector's Reflection

During the second week of Advent we remember the Prophets and, in more recent years, peace. Speaking as a prophet and peace may not seem to be comfortable bedfellows. However God turns our ideas of peace and truth on their heads. Perhaps peace is about motive and manner. When we disagree with one another, is our motive to see God's Kingdom come? Do we want peace to flow in places we inhabit and hearts of those we seek to 'speak truth to'? Does the manner in which we express our knowledge make it more or less likely that those who do not yet profess a love of Jesus, welcome the Christ Child? There is no hidden message here today, just something I was nudged to reflect upon by Holy Spirit. I invite you to join me in that reflection.

Prayer

Street Prayer

Please pray for the residents of Staunton Road this week.

Those requesting prayer:

Peter, Karen Godling, Bonnie, Pam Morgan, Caleb,
Eileen Newman

Please pray for all those in our community who currently have covid.

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

What's on this week

Wednesday 8th December

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

9.30am Holy Communion: St. Thomas' Church

Thursday 9th December

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

Friday 10th December

10am Coffee & Cake: St Nicholas' Church, 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

Life Events

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the death of
Mike Case. Mike was a faithful Christian member of our church for
many years. He was a gentleman, treasurer and friend of many.
Please pray for his family and friends at this difficult time.

Covid precautions

Unless you have a medical exemption please sanitize your hands upon entry and wear a mask whilst moving around our buildings or singing. We also encourage you to socially distance yourself from those not in your own household. We have also taken the decision that refreshments will not be served after our services and ask that you move outside to safely continue any conversations. We pray that these precautions will enable us all to have a safe Christmas and they will be reviewed in the new year or as government guidance changes.

Bedhampton Scouts Christmas Card Post Box

The Bedhampton Scout Post Boxes will be in St Nicholas and St Thomas from Sunday 5th Dec to Sunday 12th Dec.

This is a free “good turn” service we do each year (when Pandemics allow) for the elderly and infirm.

Delivery is only within the Bedhampton Parish Boundary by Scout footsteps (it’s a long walk to Aberdeen!)

Online rotas

Please remember to check the online rota regularly, in case there are last minute changes. www.bedhampton.church/rota

St Nick’s Flicks

Our next film (with a Christmas theme) will be shown on Tuesday 14th December, 2pm. Free entry and refreshments. There will be a retiring collection for the toilet refurbishment.

Christmas Service booking

So that we can be prepared for any possible changes to national guidance we ask that you book for most of our Christmas events and services. Please contact Deb or use the form at www.Bedhampton.church/christmas

Spend a penny pot!

Will you ‘spend a penny’ to help us to raise money to refurbish our toilets? There is a jar in each church for any loose change you may have.

Ink cartridge recycling

Please give your used ink cartridges to Deb for recycling and fundraising (no laser cartridges).

Messy Church

Please note that the Messy Church Christmas party has been cancelled this year.

Food Bank

Can anybody help with food bank collections? If so please contact Belinda Moore 07709 449240

Refurbishment fundraising

Help us get £1000 grant from our insurance providers for the refurbishment of St Nicholas'.

Nominate us for the draw at www.bton.uk/help
or follow the link on our Facebook page

Bitesize Bible

Luke 22: 54 - Luke 23: 37
Hebrews 7: 11 - Hebrews 10: 18
Isaiah 31: 1 - Isaiah 45: end
Proverbs 24: 1 - Proverbs 26: 28

Next week: Sunday 12th December
3rd Sunday of Advent

St Thomas'

9.00am Holy Communion

Philippians 4: 4-7

Luke 3: 7-18

St Nicholas'

10.30am Morning Worship

Philippians 4: 4-7

Luke 3: 7-18

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