



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

***Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021***  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

**St Thomas'**

**9.00am Holy Communion**

Philippians 4: 4-7

Luke 3: 7-18

*Service streamed at 4pm*

*[www.Bedhampton.tv](http://www.Bedhampton.tv)*

**St Nicholas'**

**10.30am Morning Worship**

Philippians 4: 4-7

Luke 3: 7-18

*Service streamed at 6pm*

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***Collect***

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

***Rector's Reflection***

During our parish prayer which happens online every Wednesday at 8am I felt God's Spirit place an idea in my head. Dave, my dog, was sitting in his bed waiting patiently for his walk. He had no idea when that would happen, he just knew that it would. He waited patiently getting on with his role as a dog. I was reminded that in this Advent season of waiting for the birth of Jesus we of course are also waiting for the return of Jesus. We have no idea when that will happen, indeed we were told not to worry about it. We just know that at some point Jesus will return. Our job in the meantime is to patiently wait and to get on with our role as children of God sharing His love.

## *Prayer*

### **Street Prayer**

Please pray for the residents of Ranelagh 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 all those who have died, especially Mike Case,  
and those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

## *What's on this week*

### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**6pm Pause & Pray:** St Thomas' Church

### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

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

**9.30am Holy Communion:** St. Thomas' Church

### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

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

### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**10am Coffee & Cake:** St Nicholas' Church, Gwatkin Hall

**7pm Christmas Singalong:** St Thomas' Church

**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

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> Dec to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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!)

### **Food Bank**

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

### **St Nick’s supplies**

We need somebody to care for the Holy Communion linen and keep an eye on the loo roll, soap etc at St Nicholas’. If you can help please contact Deb.

### **St Nick’s Flicks**

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

### **Holy Land Trip 2023**

(27<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023)

Peter Hall and Max Cross will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. An opportunity to reflect and holiday in the footsteps of Jesus. More details to follow.

If you wish to be kept informed please let Deb know.

### **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](http://www.Bedhampton.church/christmas).

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### **Ink cartridge recycling**

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

## ***The Elms Christmas Fayre***

10.00 - 12.00

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Crafts, homemade treats and vintage pre-loved clothes  
Raffle, tea, coffee and mince pies!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for continuing to support our charity and to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with very best wishes from all at The Manor Trust.

### ***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](http://www.bton.uk/help)  
or follow the link on our Facebook page

### ***Bitesize Bible***

Luke 23: 38 - Luke 24: 35

Hebrews 10: 19 - Hebrews 12: 29

Isaiah 46: 1 - Isaiah 61: end

Proverbs 27: 1 - Proverbs 29: 27

### ***Next week: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December***

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

#### **St Thomas'**

**9.00am Morning Prayer**

Hebrews 10: 5-10

Luke 1: 39-45

**6.30pm Carol service**

#### **St Nicholas'**

**10.30am Holy Communion**

Hebrews 10: 5-10

Luke 1: 39-45

### ***Contact us***

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