



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

Sunday 19th December 2021
4th Sunday of Advent

St Thomas'

**9.00am Morning Prayer and
baptism of Brady Charlton**

Hebrews 10: 5-10

Luke 1: 39-45

*Service streamed at 4pm
www.Bedhampton.tv*

St Nicholas'

10.30am Morning Worship

Hebrews 10: 5-10

Luke 1: 39-45

*Service streamed at 6pm
www.Bedhampton.tv*

Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Rector's Reflection

One of my wife's favourite Christmas songs is 'Mary did you know?', especially when sung acapella by Pentatonix. I laughed out loud when I came across a picture on the internet with Mary all in blue, head in hands supposedly commenting, 'Yes I did! Read Luke 1.31-33.' I hope that doesn't ruin the song for Suzy. It won't for me, because although Mary knew she bore the Child who would be our saviour, did she know the pain both He and she as a mother would have to endure? I don't know, but what I do know is that this teenage mum was dedicated to her Lord and responded to the call upon her life. Despite her fear, when the call came Mary said yes. What call do we need to say yes to? Advent is the perfect time to reflect upon that question.

Prayer

Street Prayer

Please pray for the residents of Winkton Close this week.

Those requesting prayer:

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

We remember all those who have died, especially Mike Case, and those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

What's on this week

Wednesday 22nd December

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

9.30am Holy Communion: St. Thomas' Church

Thursday 23rd December

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

Friday 24th December *Christmas Eve*

4pm & 5.30pm Crib Services: St Nicholas' Church

11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion: St Thomas' Church

Saturday 25th December *Christmas Day*

8.00am Holy Communion: St Thomas' Church

10.00am Family Celebration: St Thomas' Church

Life Events

Tuesday 21st December

1pm Funeral of Mike Case: St Thomas' Church

*No need to wear black, the family would like it to be a colourful occasion
To keep everyone safe please take a lateral flow test before attending*

Donations can be made, in lieu of flowers to
MND Association (ref Barbara Case tribute fund) or Rowans Hospice.

Wednesday 22nd December

12.15pm Funeral of Molly Powell: St Thomas' Church

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.

Food Bank

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

Parish Carol Singing

1st Bedhampton Cubs raised £150 for the Children's Society.

Ink cartridge recycling

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

Holy Land Trip 2023

(27th May to 2nd 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

Boxing Day Service

If you hope to attend the 10.00am 'said' Holy Communion on Boxing Day please let Deb know.

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 24: 36 - John 1: 29

Hebrews 13: 1 – James 1: 27

Isaiah 62: 1 – Jeremiah 6: end

Proverbs 30: 1 – Ecclesiastes 2: 26

Next week: Sunday 26th December

1st Sunday of Christmas

St Thomas'
10.00am Holy Communion
Colossians 3: 12-17
Luke 2: 41-52

St Nicholas'
Joint service at St Thomas'

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