



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

***We wish you all a happy,  
peaceful and joyful  
Christmas and blessings for  
the New Year***

***Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2021***  
*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas*

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

**St Nicholas'**  
**Joint service at St Thomas'**

***Collect***

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## ***Rector's Reflection***

As I write to you this Christmas week, I write into the unknown. Will you be able to have the Christmas day that you hope for? What of the new year and our hope for the future? An ancient author of scripture once warned us about predicting the unknown future, and so I won't even try. You may well be nervous of the immediate time ahead, but let Suzy and I remind you of the hope you have for the ultimate future. The babe in the manger arrived not for us to be able to celebrate a holiday once a year, although we appreciate the opportunity to do just that. No, our Father God sent His Son so that His Kingdom would come in the here and now and in the future. That is the hope we have, that is the known future we head into at this time. With that hope singing in our hearts Suzy and I wish you a Happy Christmas and a hope filled known future.

## ***Prayer***

### **Street Prayer**

Please pray for the residents of Oakwood Avenue  
and Queen Anne's Drive.

### **Those requesting prayer:**

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

Please pray for all those who struggle during Christmastime.

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

## ***What's on***

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

**9.30am Holy Communion (Mothers' Union):** St Thomas Church

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

**10.00am Online Holy Communion:** [www.Bedhampton.tv](http://www.Bedhampton.tv) or Facebook  
and available afterwards

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

**10.30am Coffee & Cake:** St Nicholas' Church Gwatkin Hall

### Office hours

Deb won't be in the office until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

### 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

### 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.



### Amazon charity giving

If you shop with Amazon you can help raise money for the Church. You can link your account at [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) or use [www.bton.uk/amazon](http://www.bton.uk/amazon) and we'll get 0.5% of the cost of your purchases (every little helps!)

### ***Bitesize Bible***

John 1: 35 - John 3: 21  
James 2: 1 - James 4: 17  
Jeremiah 7: 1 - Jeremiah 22: end  
Ecclesiastes 3: 1 - Ecclesiastes 7: 14

### ***Next week: Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January*** *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas*

**St Thomas'**  
**10.00am Holy Communion**  
**(said)**  
Galatians 4: 4-7  
Luke 2: 15-21  
**4.00pm Compline**

**St Nicholas'**  
**Joint service at St Thomas'**

### ***Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January*** *Awakening: Up*

**St Thomas'**  
**9.00am Holy Communion**  
Exodus 20: 1-17  
Mark 12: 28-34

**St Nicholas'**  
**10.30am Morning Worship**  
Exodus 20: 1-17  
Mark 12: 28-34

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