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The New Year

The New Year, a threshold, a new beginning; all names given to January 1st. They signify moving forward — not dwelling in the past or looking back, but of course we all have memories surrounding earlier New Year Celebrations depending on how old we are.

Living in Portsmouth as a girl, we would listen out at Midnight for the ships' sirens and the dockyard hooters signalling in the New Year; the sound seemed to fill the air! Very few fireworks then. Later, at the start of the Year 2000, the sky was filled with light from the thousands of rockets and fireworks set off in and around Bedhampton, AND the computer systems were still able to function - for which we were very grateful!

There may be something in each of us that wants to hold on to the familiar, even this past year that has held uncertainty and even loss for many; and to take a glimpse back. We actually live in the present though, on the threshold, in a place to pause and stand back. Even today in the Celtic Faith, a threshold is the mark of something Holy.

As we stand at the edge of the year each new day of the coming year will be a gift to us and is the only certainty we know.

God takes us with Him into 2022. We have, over the Christmas Period sung Emmanuel God with us, many times in our carols. These words are not just for Christmas but remain true throughout the year.

There will be good and bad days as there always are, during 2022, but God's presence and love will see us through.

I will finish with the familiar lines written by M. Louise Hoskins in 1908 and quoted by King George VI at his Christmas broadcast in 1939. As relevant today as it was then — I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, " Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied: " Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be better to you than light, and safer than a known way."



Sandra Matthews
Deputy Churchwarden

PARISH NEWS

Pause And Pray

A time to pause and gather together to pray for our Borough for 1 hour. This group will resume on the second Monday of the month
6-7pm at St Thomas' Church,
10th January All welcome!



BEDHAMPTON PARISH MAGAZINE 2022

Having kept price increases to a minimum over several years, we announce that from January 2022, the magazine price will be increased from 50p to 60 pence per copy or £6.00 for a one-year subscription.

For those who have the magazine delivered, your distributor will be calling during December or January for you to continue receiving the Parish Magazine.

The Magazine Team

FOODBANK contributions can be made at Asda, Tesco, and Waitrose, or in the black box at the Rectory in Bidbury Lane.

Cover photo: *The Nativity by Botticelli*
Courtesy of the National Gallery,

BEDHAMPTON CALENDAR 2023

**Why not take some local photos for a Bedhampton calendar ?
Keep taking photos – they may be submitted for next year.**



If you have any photos of local interest, please send them to the Parish Office, either by email or prints. All prints will be safely returned to you.

St Nick's Flicks

**Tuesday 18th
January**

at St Nicholas' Church
1.45pm for 2pm start

A free film show with refreshments and interval. All welcome, no need to book. Contact the office for film details.

office@bedhamptonparish.org.uk



Christingle Service

Sunday 9th January, 4pm
at St Nicholas' Church



NEW YEAR NEW YOU?

Max and Susy are hosting Alpha, an open and informal dialogue about faith, the person of Jesus, and what it all means. We want to hear your thoughts and questions as we explore these themes together without the pressured atmosphere that usually comes with these conversations.

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over nine weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. The course is now more likely to begin in February. Everyone is welcome.

Contact us for more information about **Alpha**.
www.bedhampton.church/alpha
or email **Max@bedhampton.church**

New Year Prayer 2022

Lord of all creation, Thank you for steering us through the fragmented landscape of two pandemic-riddled years. Here we stand at the beginning of a new year, not knowing what lies ahead. Our only security lies in you, Lord. Please guide us, day by day, into January and beyond. We will not be afraid, Lord, because you have promised never to forsake us. And you keep your promises. In Jesus' name, Amen

FAMILY NEWS

We send our good wishes to those who celebrate anniversaries and birthdays this month including Ann Nellthorp, Ann Partridge, Stella Harris, Ann Slade and Jean Hildersley.



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Mike Case after a long illness.



NEW YEAR NEW YOU?

Starting soon in Bedhampton
you're invited to explore
life, faith and meaning.
bedhampton.church/alpha



New Bishop of Portsmouth

The formal process by which Bishop Jonathan will become our new bishop has now started. One significant event that took place recently was the formal election of the Rt. Rev Jonathan Frost as Bishop of Portsmouth by the College of Canons at our cathedral. They gathered in prayer before the formal election took place.

The next significant moment is when this election is legally confirmed. This will take place on January 18th, and involves Bishop Jonathan swearing an oath and the Archbishop of Canterbury giving him spiritual responsibility for our diocese.

From this point, he is legally the Bishop of Portsmouth. He will then have an audience with HM the Queen, at which he will pay homage, on a date yet to be confirmed. His installation in our cathedral will then take place after that.

God in the Arts

The Mystical Nativity by Sandro Botticelli

What hope, at the turning of the year?

A few years ago, one of the Sunday magazines printed a Doom Directory. It surveyed the possible ways in which the world might come to an end - nuclear disaster, famine, global warming and so on. The cover showed a man bearing a placard, 'The end of the world is at hand': he was at a bus stop peering down to see the times of the last buses!

The speed at which we are using the earth's resources has put humanity's very survival at risk. It is a bleak thought to consider as one year ends and another begins. Where can we place our hope and find any assurance we ask ourselves? Do we need to think of the last buses on our earthly journey?

The painting on the front cover was painted in Italy at a time when there was similar speculation about the end of the world. A mesmerising priest called Savonarola had preached in Florence about portents of this end time, and the final battle that would take place. His own end was gruesome and horrific as the church authorities silenced his voice, but his influence lingered on among people. Nowhere more so than in Botticelli, who painted this 'Mystic Nativity' in 1500, two years after Savonarola's death.

At first glance, it looks a typical Epiphany scene, for the wise men are shown to the stable by an angel. But everything is basic and rudimentary. The wise men do not wear luxurious clothing, they have no servants, they bear no gifts. The stable is just a thatched roof propped against the mouth of the cave, with Joseph oddly hunched at one side. The babe kicks a leg into the air as Mary and the animals watch on, looking from the inside of the cave.

But then look above the scene. There is a long inscription from Botticelli: it announces that he painted this Nativity at the end of 1500, to provide a key to the violent and confused times in which he lived. At the bottom little demons scramble back to the underworld, and those who have been through the battle of life are comforted by angels, and there are more angels engaged in an ecstatic dance above the stable with olive branches and scrolls in their hands.

At the heart of it all is the simple nativity scene.

Botticelli seems to be making a heartfelt statement about his faith in the light of all that he had experienced and seen around him: his distress at the suffering war had brought, and his sense of doom that war was a portent of worse things to come. But the painting also shows his calm resignation that as one century turned into another, and one year into another, there is a birth which can be the pivot of that turning. A birth which is a sign of a future, a sign of new life, a sign of love. We can come through, he says, if we realise where our hope and trust should be placed - not in the pursuit of power which leads to death and

destruction, but in a birth that leads ultimately to a heaven of victory and dancing and celebration.

The painting is not about winter, it is about spring: a season of hope and new life. We can draw the curtains across this nativity scene and shut out the light and springtime. But then, says Botticelli, chaos and war and greed will flourish. Go to the stable with the wise men, open the curtains, invite the Christ-Child in, and all will be transformed.

Savonarola had preached the same message a few years earlier, 'If you wish to be at rest, seek Christ. Come to this crib, seek none but Him, and you will find rest. Be well assured that you will never have peace until you come to this crib and to this light of faith in Christ.'

Cover Picture: 'Mystic Nativity' by Botticelli, courtesy of *The National Gallery, London*

The naming of Jesus

Matthew and Luke tell how the angel instructed that Mary's baby was to be named Jesus - a common name meaning 'saviour'. The Church recalls the naming of Jesus on 1st January - eight days after 25th December (by the Jewish way of reckoning days). In Jewish tradition, the male babies were circumcised and named on their eighth day of life.

For early Christians, the *name* of Jesus held a special significance. In Jewish tradition, names expressed aspects of personality. Jesus' name permeated His ministry, and it does so today: we are baptised in the name of Jesus (Acts 2:38), we are justified through the name of Jesus (1 Cor 6:11); and God the Father has given Jesus a name above all others (Phil 2:9). All Christian prayer is through 'Jesus Christ our Lord', and it is 'at the name of Jesus' that one day every knee shall bow.

The name Jesus is a transliteration of a name that occurs in several languages. It is of Hebrew origin, 'Yehosua', or Joshua. There is also the Hebrew-Aramaic form, 'Yesua'. In Greek, it became 'Ἰησοῦς' (*Iēsoûs*), and in Latin it became 'Iesus'. The meaning of the name is 'Yahweh delivers' or 'Yahweh rescues', or 'Yahweh is salvation'.



St Nicholas Church Messy Sundays

Watch this space for February.



A New Year's Resolution from Micah

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression...? He has shown you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you: To act justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:7-8)

I quite like olive oil; not the Popeye character but the cooking ingredient. Although I am not sure what I would do with even one river of oil, and I have nowhere to put a ram.

Still, this is one of my favourite Bible passages, and it is an ideal one for lawyers. It sums up in a very simple but helpful way what true religion should be. That makes it a good verse to start the year. The message is simple: God does not want empty promises or lip service, but our real devotion, from our heart.

What does it mean for us? (*Words which we use regularly in our services.*)

Do justly - Be honest and open in our dealings with others this year. Be dependable. We should say when things are going wrong and be appreciative when they go well. Be fair in our dealings, whether at home or at work or in church. Keep confidences and never pass on gossip.

Love mercy - Give people the benefit of doubt, do not take advantage of others and do not always criticise or complain. Accept apologies and explanations where we can, and be generous.

Walk humbly - Quietly get on with things. Do not make a big show of what we do.

Lastly, we are *required* to do these things. They are not options or choices but requirements. Like many requirements in the Bible, they are simple to understand, but not always simple to do. Happy New Year.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18th - 25th January

At this time of year, local churches usually gather together to consider the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The material has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East. The Christians of the Middle East say that they offer these resources "conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences", and that it also "yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness."

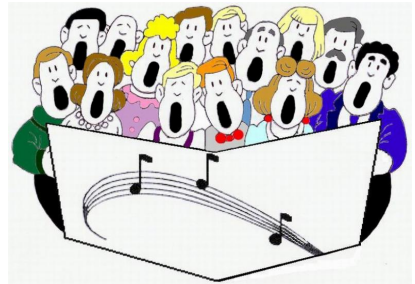
'We Saw His Star in the East'. <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022>
Serving the Gospel today requires a commitment to the human being, especially the poorest, the weakest and those marginalised. It requires from the churches transparency and accountability in dealing with the world, and with each other. This means churches need to cooperate to provide relief to the afflicted, to welcome the displaced, to relieve the burdened, and to build a just and honest society. This is a call for churches to work together so that young people can build a good future according to God's heart, a future in which all human beings can experience life, peace, justice, and love.

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COMMUNITY

100 years ago . . .

Remembering Ralph Vaughan Williams

One hundred years ago, on 16th January 1922, Ralph Vaughan Williams' *A Pastoral Symphony* was performed for the first time, in London.

Later designated Symphony No. 3, it was said to be inspired by the composer hearing a bugler practising and is frequently thought of as a memorial for the fallen of the First World War, many of whom Vaughan Williams knew. He later said he saw music as an antidote to a war-torn world.

He had been born in 1872: his father was vicar at Down Ampney in Gloucestershire, but he died two years later. His mother, an evangelical Christian, was also the niece of Charles Darwin. This combination of events may have led to his uncertainty in questions of faith: his second wife Ursula said he "drifted into a cheerful agnosticism, but he was never a professing Christian".

Nevertheless, Vaughan Williams frequently attended church, where he found musical inspiration. His first job after graduation was as a church organist, and he wrote many compositions for the Anglican Church, including well known hymn tunes. (*Come down O love divine. . .*) He edited *The English Hymnal* in 1904 and wrote an opera of *The Pilgrim's Progress*. But he said there was "no reason why an atheist could not write a good Mass".

A Pastoral Symphony received some criticism at first but was later regarded as stunningly beautiful, combining the grace of the wildly popular *The Lark Ascending* with the deep sadness of war.

Remembering Sir Ernest Shackleton

One hundred years ago, on 5th January 1922, Sir Ernest Shackleton, the Irish-born British Antarctic explorer, died of a heart attack in his bunk in South Georgia. He had led three British expeditions to the Antarctic. He was 47.

It is now believed he may have had a hole in his heart. His feats of bravery and endurance were mixed with sudden illness, but he was never willing to have his heart properly examined. His greatest achievement was to enable the rescue of his crew after the *Endurance* became trapped and then crushed by ice in the Weddell Sea in 1915. A long trek, hauling lifeboats over ice, was followed by Shackleton and two companions reaching South Georgia in a small boat – followed by a trek over mountains and glaciers to a whaling station, from where a rescue ship was launched to bring home the remainder.

BEDHAMPTON VOLUNTEERS ON CATCH UP

The Volunteers are trying to catch up after lockdowns, Covid restrictions and reduced energy levels, and the effects of last summer’s most beneficial growing weather which tended to favour weeds, especially bindweed. So, because we’re nowhere near adequate maintenance for our 50 plus gardens, our purchase of Tête-à-tête bulb planting was restricted to 10,000 this autumn, with no usual further gardens created.

Earlier Bed Vol experience was based on the premise that cared for areas tended to raise public respect, a socially renowned given, and our efforts provided ample examples of this including ensuing pride. We are more well known for the daffs blooming in the spring than the 1000’s of donated shrubs and plants that have replaced waste areas of brambles and ivy attracting litter.

But this autumn it was the turn of grass verges in Ibsley Grove to be planted up with têtes. This, some 200m length of road, had verges that in places had crept and overlapped by 2 foot/60 cms across pavements. Something councils with cut backs, ‘scuse the pun, have not been able to address for some years now. So somehow, things got out of hand, and the occasional removed overlap suddenly became a major industry and this last week, our fifth there, turned out to be the most lamentable mornings planting ever, with not a single bulb making it into the ground. A team of ‘turf accountants’ became a tedious joke. The turves have all been utilised to supplement grass verges either damaged or bare earth from our removal of brambles and stingers (nettles). So the road verges have revealed a percentage of an acre of revealed pavement which has not yet been calculated accurately enough to serve up here in print. Next week weather permitting we should be completing Ibsley and then tackling Hazleholt Drive around the corner, where we have already mended some verges. The Ibsley experience has probably put the kybosh on reaching half a million bulbs by our 20th anniversary in 2023.

But, you never know, recruitment just may pick up sufficiently. Do you know someone who would like to join us on our Thursday morning work parties; it could be their New Year present! That includes a sit down coffee break.

Pete Spencer
(November 2021)



PARISH NEWS

Christmas Fayre brings joy

After a year's break, a Christmas Fayre was held at St. Nicholas at the end of November, attended by quite a number in the community. Even Father Christmas and his elves were there.

Stalls included soft toys, gifts, puzzles, bottles, books, raffle, cakes, tin mine, and other great favourites. There was also a sale of artwork, paintings of local scenes by Roger Matthews with proceeds going to the fund for the refurbishment of St Nicholas Church facilities.

It was good to hold such an event again, even if people were keeping safe by wearing masks and not being too close together. Many thanks to all those who worked hard to put on the event, and also to those who came.



Tentvent at St Nicholas

Tentvent portrayed Advent scenes and also gave an opportunity for children to make things for Christmas.



At the heart
of Christmas



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One tent featured December in 1921, with traditional food preparations, a Singer sewing machine and a lamp.



Refreshments were also available from our Mothers' Union ladies.



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Wordsearch for January : The Wise Men

Where did the Wise Men come from?

Magi from the East – it isn't a lot to go on. The Magi were a religious caste devoted to astrology, divination and the interpretation of dreams. Some scholars believe these magi came from southern Arabia, where the Queen of Sheba had lived. She would have learned about the coming Messiah from Solomon.

In Matthew's gospel the Magi ask Herod: 'Where is the One who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.' So it is possible that Queen of Sheba's story of Messiah for Israel had survived.

One thing that supports the theory that the magi came from southern Arabia is this: if you study any map of Palestine as it was during biblical times, you will find that the old Arabian caravan routes all entered Palestine 'from the East'.

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Answers next month

DECEMBER WORDSEARCH SOLUTION

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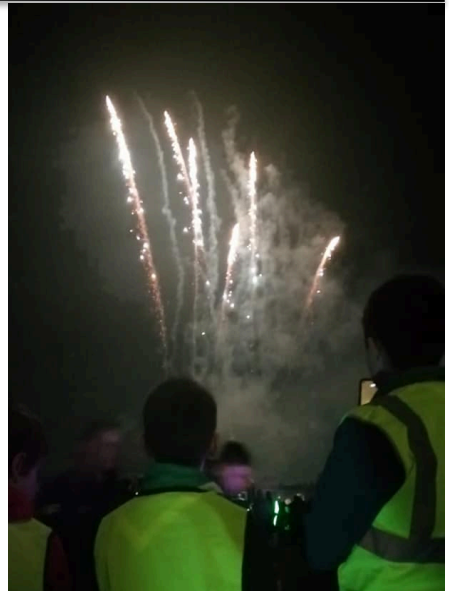




1st Bedhampton Scouts www.1stbedhampton.co.uk

At the start of November, the Beavers and Cubs had a combined fireworks party. Thanks to Alec for hosting and to Neil and Pete for running the amazing show. A big shout out to those who cooked burgers/ sausages and did the equally vital work of looking after the children.

The Scouts and Explorers helped to fundraise at the large Fireworks display on Stockheath Common. They did an amazing job collecting money for this community event which is struggling like many due to the Pandemic. The show had a slight false start due to the winner of the launch prize hitting the red “restart button” instead of the green “Go” button, but it was alright on the night and nobody minded.



The Scouts/Explorers went climbing at Fort Purbrook at the start of December. A couple of weeks before we did some practice work climbing sideways at the hall with some clever camera trickery. This practice obviously helped as I saw many pictures of Scouts/Explorers at the top of walls (sadly I could not be there!).



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

After over thirty years of being a leader Elspeth has decided to formally step down as the Explorer Scout Leader at the end of 2021. We've also had leaders leave the area and get new jobs. In addition, Becky and I are due to have a baby in January. All this along with an expanding Scout Troup means we really need some additional help in the Scout and Explorer sections. We are starting an advertising campaign for new leaders/helpers in 2022 so spread the word and please can anyone who is interested contact me.

We are awarding two Chief Scout Gold Awards (highest award in Scouts) and one Chief Scout Silver Award (highest award in Cubs) just before Christmas. Well done to those involved.

Till next month, keep active, keep looking after yourselves and each other.

Nigel Vosper
Group Administrator

Both the Scout group and the Guides contributed to the Tentvent project. Watch for more photos in the next edition of the Parish magazine.

Smile

With Epiphany in mind...

I was telling my three boys the story of the Nativity and how the Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh for the infant Jesus. Clearly giving it a lot of thought, my six-year-old observed, "Mum, a Wise Woman would have brought nappies."

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On Relinquishing Office, Bedhampton M.U., 2012

by Betty Cousins

They came from the parish, a diminishing group,
The sprightly, the deaf and the lame.
The cry had gone out, "It's 'Selection' time,"
But for Leader, they'd not got a name.

The pleading had gone on for many months past
For someone to take on the role,
But for all sorts of reasons none volunteered
And anxiety was taking its toll.

"If we don't get a name soon," Betty intoned,
"We'll close down and go to the wall.
The Rules are quite clear, my stint is now up.
An answer must come from the Hall."

"Who made the Rules up?" a small voice enquired,
"A small change might do it - that's all".
"I know what you mean," said a voice at the back,
"It's a wonder we progress at all!"

"We can't just change Rules," a quiet voice said,
"And I really must make that quite clear.
The problem is ours, for us to sort out.
No talk then of watering the beer!"

"The whole Mothers' Union, all over the World,
Faces problems much worse, for our sakes.
But the Rock that it stands on, that makes it win out,
Is the principled stand that it takes."

"We talk about marriage and friendship and aid,
And much else beside as you know.
But when did **you** speak to a younger church-goer
And explain we need their help to grow?"

"But their world is different from the one we once knew.
With devices to help reduce stress.
With the mortgage to pay, two jobs are a 'must'
Or they'll never get out of the mess!"



"Tell that to a Mum on an African beach
Who has just sent her kids to sort scrap,
To pick over Euro-trash dumped from abroad
And now it's defiling the map!"

"Mothers' Union" sounds dated in this day and age.
No bright lights, all ancient typefaces?
But don't judge a book by its cover, my friend,
Think more of the work it embraces.

But that can't go on, reaching out to the world,
Whether local or way overseas
Unless we get youngsters with get up and go,
Who are not cursed with arthritic knees."

"We were your age," older members will say,
"When we first came into the fold."
But it's part of Life's cycle - the way of the world.
And, if you're lucky you live to grow old.

"But we must have new blood, where ideas abound,
To prod us and push us to go,
To promote and support and fulfil our great aims.
We don't just serve coffee, you know."

"So, now, what shall we do?" said the Leader, at last,
To the members who sat in the Hall.

"St Nick and St Thomas will have overheard this.
Will they rise to the challenge? That's all."

"For many years now, they have guided their flocks
Through brambles and thickets untold.
Is it too much to seek, as we wanderapart,
To get all of us into one fold?"

We SO need new members to help in our tasks,
Which are world-wide and well known you know.
Abused women, Hospitals, the list is so long,
And without help it will only grow.

You won't be our Leader if you join us this week,
We 'oldies' must solve that, it's clear.
But if 'Bedhampton' closes, somewhere in the world
Some help and support won't appear.

This poem was submitted by Betty Cousins, former M.U. leader, when she found it recently. It was written when the MU were looking for a new leader for the Bedhampton Branch in 2012.

Ann Partridge was persuaded to take on the role and has done a brilliant job ever since.

Thank you Ann.



November events

Sadly we were not able to have our talk by Max on his visit to Ghana as he had contracted Covid and was still unwell and in quarantine. This being the case, Ann organised a Beetle Drive.

We had already invited the Trefoil Guild to join us and were delighted to welcome seven of their members to join our ten members of M.U. We thought of M.U. members not able to join us. These included Pam recovering from a broken hip, Denise who had an appointment at the Q.A. and Sheila Legge who is now an indoor member. Some members have not felt confident enough to venture out as yet. Our thoughts were with those as well as wishes for a speedy recovery for Max and Suzy.

The Beetle game caused much hilarity with drawings of many shapes and varieties i.e. large heads and small bodies and vice a versa. As people changed tables after each round there was plenty of chatting and mingling. As usual we had our tea and biscuits and our thanks to Marie and Catherine who manned the kitchen.

Our Wednesday Holy Communion Service took the form of a memorial for Pat Jay when we sang the hymns which she had chosen for her final farewell.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Owing to the ongoing Covid situation, many groups held small concerts in November and December and are not holding their 'Come and Sing' events in January. There will be more events later in the Spring.

Havant Chamber Orchestra will present a programme of beautiful and dramatic classics by French composers – most of them not heard nearly as often as they should be!

Saturday 12th February in Holy Trinity Church, Fareham.

Following the lockdowns in 2020 and 2021 with advice about not singing, many local choirs are seeking new voices. These include Cantemus, Folks in Harmony, Portsmouth Festival Choir, Portsmouth Choral Union, Portsmouth Baroque Choir and Renaissance Choir. If you are unable to contact these groups on internet, do contact us and we may be able to help.

In early December we enjoyed a Christmas lunch together in Rowlands Castle.

We are now looking forward to Christmas and our New Year programme, hoping that this new Covid variant will not upset our forward planning and that all will be well in 2022. The meeting ended with prayers and the grace.

Marion Machell

Photos in the next edition of the magazine.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

MOTHERS' UNION JANUARY

*Wednesday 1st Holy Communion
9.30am at St Thomas*

Tuesday 7th December: A.G.M.

St Nicholas Church 2.30pm

Portsmouth Arts Society



Thursday 13th January 2pm

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Unfortunately as we go to print, we have learned that the choir that was intending to sing at our Carol Service has cancelled due to the current virus situation. However, we can still sing, possibly wearing masks, and perhaps listen to recordings of a few of our favourite choral carols.

We would like to wish you, our readers, a happy and healthy New Year 2022.

Dates for your diary

Friday 24th December, Christmas Eve;

4.00pm Crib Service 1 at St Nicholas

5.30pm Crib Service 2 at St Nicholas

(So as to avoid too many attendees at each service. The format will be the same.)

Saturday 9th January: Christingle Service at St Nicholas, 4pm

Tuesday 18th January: St Nick's Flicks

FEBRUARY 2022

Magazine



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We warmly welcome advertisers to our magazine but the Parish does not accept responsibility for the quality of work carried out.

All material for the next issue should be sent to the Parish Office, St Nicholas Church, Belmont Grove, Bedhampton, PO9 3PU by 10 am on **Friday 7th January**

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Services for JANUARY 2022

SUNDAY 2nd

(Christmas 2)

On-line

www.bedhampton.tv

St Thomas 10.00 am

Shared Holy Communion

St Nicholas

No service

St Thomas 4.00 pm

Compline

SUNDAY 9th

(Epiphany 1; Awakening: Up)

St Thomas 9.00 am

Holy Communion

St Nicholas 10.30 am

Morning Worship

St Nicholas 4.00 pm

Christingle Service

SUNDAY 16th

(Epiphany 2; Awakening: In)

St Thomas 9.00 am

Morning Prayer

St Nicholas 10.30 am

Morning Worship

St Thomas 4.00 pm

Celtic Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 23rd

(Epiphany 3; Awakening: Out)

St Thomas 9.00 am

Holy Communion

St Nicholas 10.30 am

Holy Communion

SATURDAY 30th

(Epiphany 4; Awakening: Response)

St Thomas 9.00 am

Holy Communion

St Nicholas 10.30 am

Morning Worship

ON-LINE: All services are either streamed live or later
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MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

Wednesday 5th St Thomas 9.30 am MU Holy Communion

Wednesday 12th St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion

Wednesday 19th St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion

Wednesday 26th St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion

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