

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

Sunday 23rd January 2022 Epiphany 3 - Awakening: Out

St Thomas' 9.00am Holy Communion Nehemiah 2: 1-5, 11-20

Matthew 25: 31-46

St Nicholas' 10.30am Holy Communion Nehemiah 2: 1-5, 11-20 Matthew 25: 31-46

Service streamed at 4pm www.Bedhampton.tv Service streamed at 6pm www.Bedhampton.tv

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Office Observations

One of the psalms set for this Sunday begins with the words 'Shout for joy in the Lord'. This reminds me of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a man who knew the true meaning of joy. He wrote a book, with the Dalai Lama called 'The book of Joy' and in it they talk about finding joy in every aspect of life, even the times when there is suffering. Joy isn't just happiness, it is something much deeper than that. True joy can be found in our gratitude for God's love, mercy and grace. I believe that God wants us to be joyful in all aspects of our lives. Where will you find joy this week?

Prayer

Street Prayer

Please pray for the residents of West Street this week.

Those requesting prayer:

Peter, Bonnie, Pam Morgan, Eileen Newman, Janice, Amelia, Michael

We remember Karen Godling and pray for the families and friends of those who have died and of those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

What's on

Wednesday 26th January

8.00am Parish Prayer: www.Bedhampton.tv, Facebook or zoom **9.30am Holy Communion:** St Thomas Church

Thursday 27th January

10.00am Online Holy Communion: www.Bedhampton.tv or Facebook and available afterwards

Friday 28th January

10.30am 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

Congratulations to Becky and Nigel Vosper who are delighted to announce the arrival of their baby girl, Eleanor.

New Mugs

Many thanks to a parishioner, who wishes to remain anonymous, for our new 'Bedhampton parish' mugs. There will be some for sale to raise money for St Nicholas refurbishment fund.

St Nicholas Key

If you still have an old front door key for St Nicholas please pop into the office to change it for a new one.

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 stay safe.

Amazon charity giving

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

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.

Men's Lake District Week

All men are invited for a week of chilling and walking in Keswick. Saturday 5th to Saturday 12th March. Walking options available for all abilities. Max will be there most of the week, contact him for more details asap.

Parish Giving Scheme

If you make a monthly donation towards the work of our Church thank you!

If you make a payment to our bank account would you consider changing via the Parish Giving Scheme? This makes a treasurer's life more simple! If you feel able please go to <u>www.parishgiving.org.uk</u> click 'give now' and follow the instructions

Welcome Packs

If you notice people moving into the parish please let Elaine know and she can deliver a welcome pack.

Messy Church

If you would like to attend Messy Church on Sunday 6th February please book your place with Deb in the office

The Queen's Jubilee

On Saturday 4th June we hope to host a big community event to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

This is going to take a team to deliver but it will be a great opportunity for us as God's people here in Bedhampton.

Contact Max asap if you feel you can be part of the organising team.

Bitesize Bible

John 6: 60 - John 7: 53 1 Peter 4: 1 - 2 Peter 1: 21 Lamentations 1: 1 - Ezekiel 8: end Song of Songs 6: 1 - Job 2: end

Next week: Sunday 30th January Epiphany 4 - Awakening: Response

St Thomas' 9.00am Holy Communion 1 Chronicles 16: 8-36

John 17: 6-9

St Nicholas' 10.30am Morning Worship 1 Chronicles 16: 8-36 John 17: 6-9

Contact us

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