



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

Sunday 6th February 2022

4th Sunday before Lent

St Thomas'

9.00am Morning Prayer

Genesis 25: 19-34

Matthew 18: 1-9

Service streamed at 4pm

www.Bedhampton.tv

4.00pm Compline

St Nicholas'

10.30am Messy Church

Collect

Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise
us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rector's Reflection

This week we return to our journey through The Gospel of Matthew. We head straight into the human condition with the disciples asking Jesus who will be the greatest amongst them. We often assume that Jesus' response means we should be more childlike, but we will discover this weekend that this may be a cultural misunderstanding. However, approaching Jesus with childlike enthusiasm is a good thing and perhaps, even though it may be a misreading of our passage, we might still learn something from that idea. That is one of the reasons we have a Messy Church service at 10.30am on the first Sunday of the month at St Nicholas' - a place for all to approach Jesus with fun and laughter and discover the love he has for all of us. But what did Jesus really mean? Well we shall find that out this weekend, online or at St Thomas' at 9am. I just love our vision of being a place where all ages gather together to worship God in a range of expressions.

Prayer

Street Prayer

Please pray for the residents of Doyle House this week.

Suzy thanks everyone who prayed for her as she went into hospital for a minor operation. Unfortunately it was cancelled at the last minute and she is waiting for a new date.

Those requesting prayer:

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

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

What's on

Wednesday 9th February

8.00am Parish Prayer: www.Bedhampton.tv, Facebook or zoom

9.30am Holy Communion: St Thomas Church.

Tea, coffee and biscuits available after the service.

Thursday 10th February

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

Friday 11th February

10.00am 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.

The Manor Trust

One of the many areas Mike Case volunteered for was as trustee With The Manor Trust. Rev Max is keen to keep the link between the trust and Parish and would welcome a conversation with anyone who may be able to consider this position.

Covid precautions

With the government decision to return to "Plan A" you are no longer required to wear a mask within Church buildings. However, feel free to wear one if you want to and please remember to sanitize your hands. Let us also respect the fact that others may make different decisions to us. We are also pleased to invite you to join us for tea or coffee after the services.

Welcome Packs

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

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.

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 or use www.bton.uk/amazon and we'll get 0.5% of the cost of your purchases (every little helps!)

You can also help us to fundraise by shopping through easy fundraising

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=21932&invite=1CHD59&referral-campaign=s2s>

New Wine

Join us on Sunday 6th February for our first New Wine Celebration of 2022. Our speaker Sarah Guinness joins us from St Paul's and St Faith's in Brentford. It all happens at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn at 6.30pm.

NO PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED

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.

Lent Reading

Max is recommending some Lent reading for you. 'The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry' by John Mark Comer is an easy to read introduction on removing busyness from your life. Don't you think you are hurried and busy? Well you may be surprised. This will also be the subject matter for our mini preaching series in March.

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 9: 13 - John 11: 16
1 John 1: 5 - 1 John 3: 10
Ezekiel 24: 1 - Ezekiel 27: end
Job 9: 1 - Job 13: end

Next week: Sunday 13th February
3rd Sunday before Lent

St Thomas'
9.00am Holy Communion
Psalm 23
Matthew 18 10-20

St Nicholas'
10.30am Morning Worship
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Matthew 18 10-20

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