

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

Sunday 20th February 2022

2nd Sunday before Lent

St Thomas' 9.00am Morning Prayer

Colossians 3: 1-17
Matthew 18: 21-35
Service streamed at 4pm
www.Bedhampton.tv
4.00pm Celtic Prayer

St Nicholas'
10.30am Holy Communion

Colossians 3: 1-17 Matthew 18: 21-35 Service streamed at 6pm www.Bedhampton.tv

Collect

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rector's Reflection

One of the sad parts of my role as a Church of England minister is observing the impact that a lack of forgiveness can have on relationships. All too often, I help people through the tough times of losing a loved one to death, or even the happy times of marriage, the splits within a family can become obvious. Families are divided over some action taken or word spoken years ago, by one side or the other. Individuals that need to be kept separate lest they ruin the day or make a scene. It's all too frequently seen and tarnishes even the happiest of times. As we continue through the book of Matthew, Jesus is finalising his teaching before he heads towards the cross and of all the things he could bring forth forgiveness is important enough for him to focus upon. It doesn't make for easy reading, but then the consequences of not learning this lesson from Jesus doesn't make for easy living.

Prayer

Street Prayer

Please pray for the residents of Brookside Road this week.

Those requesting prayer:

Peter, Bonnie, Eileen Newman, Janice Stott, Amelia, Michael, Marjorie

We remember David Hale 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 23rd 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 24th February

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

Friday 25th February

10.00am Coffee & Cake: St Nicholas' Church Gwatkin Hall

Online meetings - www.Bedhampton.church/meet

We are trialling a new way to meet online, no additional software required. If you are joining one of our online meetings go to Bedhampton.church/meet in your browser or simply go to Bedhampton.church and click on "Online Meeting" in the top menu. Then click allow if you are asked to use the microphone and camera. Enter your name and click, "Ask to join."

Life Events

Sunday 20th February
Thanksgiving for Jenson Deacon during the morning service
at St Nicholas'

Friday 25th February

2.15pm Funeral of David Hale: St Thomas' Church

News

The Bedhampton Big Quiz!

Get those thinking caps on!!! Saturday 26th March 7.30pm at St Nicholas'. Tickets £5 (all proceeds will go to the refurbishment fund) Refreshments available.

Nuppets!

A FREE six week puppet group introduction at St Nicholas.
Learn from Suzy how to perform with people puppets
Saturdays 10am - 12pm
April 30th - June 4th
Age: 7yrs +
Please book in with Deb if you'd like to take part.

Mugs

We have some of our church mugs for sale £5 each. All money will go towards St Nicholas' refurbishment

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.

PCC

If anybody feels called to join our Parochial Church Council please speak to Max.

Baptism services

We have quite a few baptisms booked in and it would be good if we can create a team of people who can come along to welcome people into our church family. As we move forwards our baptism services will be at 12 or 3pm. If you can join us please speak to Kim Day, who will give you dates and times.

Refurbishment update!

To date a total of £46,467.56 has been raised specifically for the St Nicholas' refurbishment. We have some church funds we can use but are still a little short of our final goal.

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.

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 12: 37 - John 14: 14 2 John 1: 1 - Revelation 1: 8 Daniel 3: 1 - Hosea 3: end Job 19: 1 - Job 23: end

Next week: Sunday 27th February
Sunday before Lent - Mission Sunday

St Thomas'
Shared at St Nicholas'

St Nicholas'
10.00am Morning Worship
Luke 8:40-48

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