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St Thomas & St Nicholas

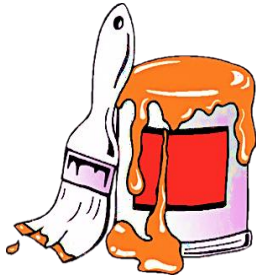


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He is risen!

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Dear Friends,

As I pen these thoughts, the world is looking pretty messy. We are into our third year of a pandemic and, despite us being a little better at living with it, it is not going away anytime soon. Our politicians' mishaps and backbiting are only out of the news because of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Who knows what may have happened between me writing these words, and you reading them? It seems to be a hopeless situation.

Yet this is nothing new, we have been here before. In fact we have been here time and time again. World wars, plagues, earthquakes, tsunamis and wildfires are just a few of the things that have caused humans to lose hope, and for some to claim the end of the world is nigh. That however is not the way of the God we celebrate this Easter. Jesus was and is full of hope. When the disciples lost hope on Good Friday with Jesus hanging on the Cross and their world seemingly at the end, they did not foresee his glorious rising just a couple of days later, a rising that placed hope for eternity into the world.

I saw that hope recently in the eyes of an eight year old who came to be baptised in a Christening service here at Bedhampton. I interviewed her in front of a bunch of adults. "Why do you want to be baptised? Was it Mum's idea? Perhaps your teacher suggested it?" She looked at me quizzically as though it was a strange question to ask, and then announced to the whole world. "I believe in God!" Despite all she sees on TV and internet, she knew there was a life to the full to be had, and so she decided she wanted to be baptised. She may as well have announced, 'I believe in hope.'

My friends, it is correct that the world is looking pretty messy, but then it did two thousand years ago when Jesus brought that hope into this world. This Easter, let us not lose sight of that hope. Instead, let us walk with an eight year old into a life of hope. This Easter, let us not lose sight of that hope. Come and walk the Easter Journey around the outside of St Thomas' in hope.

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Rector's letter continued

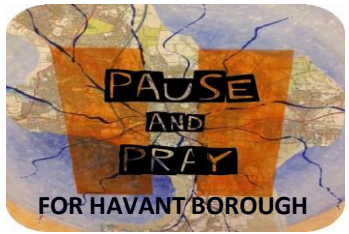
Bring a ribbon or prayer of remembrance and of hope to tie to the Cross outside both St Nicholas' and St Thomas'. Join us at 10am on Easter Sunday at St Thomas', as we come together to celebrate the hope for this world.

Max Cross, Rector



Pause And Pray

A time to pause and gather together to pray for our Borough for 1 hour. This group will meet on the second Monday of the month 6-7pm at St Thomas' Church, **4th April** All welcome!



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

Cover photo: He is risen!

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.

Unfortunately a calendar for 2022 was not produced, partly due to lack of photos from YOU!

Please take your cameras or phones out with you and snap anything around Bedhampton you think would make a good picture for a month. Any photos that have already been received will be put forward for next year.

SPECIAL CELEBRATION IN LAKE DISTRICT

It was my twenty-fifth birthday today and I shared Communion with these guys on top of a hill in the Lakes to celebrate. If I seem a little older I must quote a seeker of lost arks, "It's not the years, honey, it's the mileage."



Twenty five years ago, I stood with Rev Michael Thomas and Derek Lyons praying a prayer that would change my life forever. To say it has been a journey would be the understatement of the century, but how happy am I that someone invited me on that journey? Derek, having the courage to ask me if I wanted to become an apprentice of Jesus, has had a generational impact. The journey continues as, I pray, does my growth in the love of our Father God. Friends never be fearful of asking that question, and never stay still in your faith. Here is to the next twenty five years, and more generations impacted.

Max Cross, Keswick, 9th March 2022



A Messy Church event is planned for

**Sunday 3rd April, 10.30am
at St. Nicholas.**

Please book in at
Hello@bedhampton.church

St Nick's Flicks

Tuesday 19th April
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

EASTER

Easter is the most joyful day of the year for Christians. Christ has died for our sins. We are forgiven. Christ has risen! We are redeemed! We can look forward to an eternity in His joy! Hallelujah!

The Good News of Jesus Christ is a message so simple that you can explain it to someone in a few minutes. It is so profound that for the rest of their lives they will still be 'growing' in their Christian walk with God.

Why Easter eggs? On one hand, they are an ancient symbol of birth in most European cultures. On the other hand, hens start laying regularly again each Spring. Since eggs were forbidden during Lent, it's easy to see how decorating and eating them became a practical way to celebrate Easter.

How do you make sense of the Resurrection? Dead men don't rise, so why believe that this particular dead man *did* rise?

At the end of St Luke's gospel we read that: "they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement" (Luke 24:4). This is highly significant. The Gospels do not show us a group of disciples who were in a receptive frame of mind. After the crucifixion, they were in hiding, frightened and scattered. Then suddenly, they came out of hiding and were totally different; excited, joyful. By Pentecost they were confident, with one firm message: 'You crucified Jesus, but God raised Him up!'

The Queen's Jubilee

On Saturday 4th June we are holding an event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It will be a great opportunity for us as God's people here in Bedhampton. Put the date in your diaries.

Easter Lilies

Envelopes will be available for contributions towards Easter flowers.

FAMILY NEWS

We send our good wishes to those who celebrate anniversaries and birthdays this month.



Bishop Jonathan Frost was installed in Portsmouth Cathedral on Saturday 12th March as the tenth Bishop of Portsmouth.

Easter Saturday:

Event for children at St Nicholas: **Family Celebration and Easter Eggs Hunt**; 3pm at St Thomas. A fun exploration of what happened at Easter for children followed by an Easter Egg hunt.

Visit the Easter Journey; the Easter gardens will be open at both St Thomas and St Nicholas between April 10th and April 17th.

A VISIT BY SAM & CHLOE

At the end of February we were pleased to welcome Sam and Chloe Mutton to share the service at St Nicholas and to bring news of their work in Uganda. It was also an opportunity to meet Zara-Grace, now 18 months, walking and beginning to chatter. Whilst Chloe was talking to us during the service, a small voice was heard saying “Mama, Mama”. Sam and Chloe had brought items made by the ladies of their community in



Kampala as well as a mounted display of progress with their charity and missionary work. A video was shown after the service. News that Zara-Grace is to have a brother or sister very soon was greeted with excitement.

Sam and Chloe write, “All of us are back in the UK safely and have managed to visit a few churches and catch up with friends and family, especially those we haven’t seen in nearly 3 years. We are staying in the Forest of Dean waiting for Chloe to give birth. Zara-Grace has chosen this moment to start teething again, so has increased her clingy-ness. So, prayers please that she adjusts quickly to having a baby around as well!

“We hope to keep you up-to-date with our family news, cycling with a new Bike Park Land project, and our local community. We are not always good at being direct about fund-raising, it seems easier to fundraise for others. However, costs have increased and our family has increased. We also have a staff team and the land project needs money to get going. So we are asking friends and family to help connect us in their Church families

on a regular basis. We couldn’t live our life and do our ministry without your generosity. Thank you for standing by us for so long. It is an enormous encouragement.”



Left: A playpark is a new experience for Zara-Grace.

Right: Sisters both expecting babies within two weeks of each other!



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Nuppets!

A free six week puppet group introduction at St Nicholas. Learn from Suzy how to perform with people puppets. Saturdays 10am to 12 pm April 30th to June 4th Age 7years + Book with Deb at the Parish Office.

HOLY LAND TRIP 2023

Max Cross and Peter Hall are planning to lead a week-long pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 27th May to 3rd June 2023; visits include Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Galilee, Nazareth, Capernaum, and the Dead Sea. A meeting is planned for 30th March at St Thomas at 7.30pm as an introduction and to give more information.

If you are interested and have missed this meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Max.

Praying for Ukraine

The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell have condemned the Russian attack on Ukraine as “an act of great evil”. They are urging Christians to keep praying for Ukraine, for Russia, and for peace.

They wrote: “This horrific and unprovoked attack is an act of evil, imperilling as it does the relative peace and security that Europe has enjoyed for so long. The attack by one nation on a free, democratic country has rightly provoked outrage, sanctions, and condemnation.

“Placing our trust in Jesus Christ, the author of peace, we pray for an urgent ceasefire and a withdrawal of Russian forces. We lament with the people of Ukraine, and we pray for the innocent, the frightened and those who have lost loved ones, homes, and family. We continue to call for a ceasefire and a public decision to choose the way of peace and an international conference to secure long term agreements for stability and lasting peace.”

“The situation in Ukraine is very deeply troubling. President Putin is leading a completely unjustified and aggressive war against Ukraine, a war which many ordinary Russians deeply deplore. Leaders from many Christian churches have condemned the invasion of Ukraine. Our hearts cry out for justice and peace.” *The Bishop in Europe*

REMEMBERING DAVID HALE

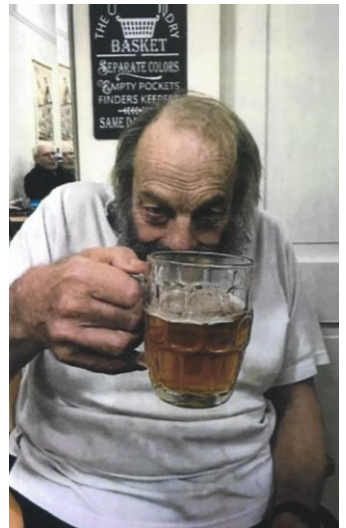
David was a regular member of the morning congregation at St Thomas for many years. Big David, that is how our friend David Hale was affectionately known in Bedhampton because of his height and physical presence. Until his last two years, when Covid meant that the church was closed, he was known for his quick memory of dates, anniversaries and numbers. He was a keen follower of steam trains and knew when one was due along the south coast line passing through Bedhampton.

Big David was born 25th November 1938

and had one brother Peter. He lived all his life in the village and, until 30 years or so ago, with his mother, in Hulbert Road. The story goes (from David) that his father (who was apparently the school dentist) left when he was born because of David's disabilities. Some of the earliest memories of David are from Tony Mayes, who was also born in the village and was just a few years younger than him. David went to a mainstream secondary school which is now Trosnant School. Being big and strong, David worked for many years for Havant Borough Council at Waterlooville cemetery on Hulbert Road. After his mother died David moved to his own home – a bungalow in Park Lane – where he lived until he became too frail to manage on his own.

David was a well known figure in Bedhampton with most locals knowing him and some good friends who looked out for him, went on holidays with him and never let a Christmas go by without inviting David to share a Christmas meal with them. He was admired for his way of coping with any difficulties that came his way, a true character.

David was also supported by his church family who would help him to manage his affairs and health issues. A small team of parishioners would take him for his dental, podiatry, nursing, GP and hospital appointments – and also be on the rota to answer the call from his alarm system (which he wore round his neck). Being fairly deaf, in spite of his hearing aid, meant that David shouted quite a lot which used to frighten people who didn't know him. David's great interest was trains and many people will



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remember him from taking his place at Bedhampton railway station to watch the trains again. He knew all the times, etc. and especially when there was a special steam train scheduled to come by, he was there to wave it by. David and a good friend would go on many day trips/holidays by train, a favourite being Salisbury. David would also love to tell people about when he came to know the Lord and when he was confirmed at St George's Waterlooville, stating the date and time as if it were yesterday.

If you knew David, you will know that this was one of David's gifts - he could remember and talk about numbers in great detail. It seems to me that there wasn't a Sunday that I walked into St Thomas' to be stopped by David and be informed of an historic date that I now needed to adapt my prayers for. I am sure previous Rectors were given the same gift. You only had to tell him your birthday or any anniversary and he would always let you know, so no chance of forgetting when David was around. He remembered the building of the Parish Room at St Thomas' and took a series of photographs week by week.

David had always come to St Thomas' - firstly walking from his bungalow and back in all weathers (we had to dry him out on arrival) - then by regular lifts.

He would always be one of the first to add his name to any social events, lunches, coffee morning teas, every occasion really. David enjoyed Friday coffee mornings at St Nicholas, rock cakes being his favourite.

Church meant a lot to David. He was very 'traditional' and was on the reading-in-church list, and even though he found it hard to climb into the pulpit he insisted on reading from there. No one, not even Rectors or Churchwardens or friends, or at times all three together, could persuade David to move into more comfortable accommodation when it became evident that he could no longer cope on his own.

It took a long spell in rehab at Petersfield Hospital, following a fall and fracture at home, to persuade David to go into Springfield Residential Home a couple of years ago.

Here he was very happy, with good care and regular meals (which he loved). He regularly came over to St Thomas' Church for the morning service - firstly picked up by parishioners and later by taxi, arranged by Springfield. He did this right up to when things became too difficult for him and then he would join in with the services at Springfield Nursing Home.

For many years, David was part of Margaret Wheeler's Home Group and his well-worn bible was evidence that he read it a lot in spite of his disabilities.



Vacancy: Governor Bidbury Junior School

This is an exciting time for our school and a great opportunity for a new Governor to join our team. Having appointed a new Head (who starts this summer), we're looking for someone to join our dedicated leadership team and help us support and guide the school at a crucial time of growth and opportunity.

Being a Governor is an extremely rewarding experience, helping to shape the lives of our hard-working, flourishing pupils and their environment to create a bright future. Through regular monthly meetings the full Governing body, supported by our highly effective clerk, review and consider a number of issues including finance, teacher needs and support, buildings, safeguarding (including online) and a wide variety of other important issues.

We're looking for people who might have relevant skills and a positive, can-do attitude to enhance the collective skills of our current Governor team and support our work. Governors are provided with full training to get them started, with the opportunity to access lots of additional training through GovHub.

For further information, or just for a friendly chat, please contact darren@island23.co.uk and say hello.

OUR YOUTH ORGANISATIONS need your help in Bedhampton

Bedhampton Scouts are looking for new leaders. Why not put your skills to use, learn new ones and help our young people develop their skills whilst having fun together?

We learn from these articles in the magazine about some of the many skills and activities involved in scouting from the very young to the older groups. Contact Nigel Vosper on 07979 736459 or email nigelvosper@sky.com



The Scout Group Duck Race was held on 26th March, too late for results to be included here. They will appear in next month's issue.

Bedhampton Guides are looking for adult support in all sections.

Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

Please contact either Janet Goring or Hayley Gillians (Brownie and Guide Guiders) who are both happy to chat with you.

Hayley.gillians@googlemail.com 0788 222 7739

Janet.goring@gg.codial.co.uk 07825 869 659

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BEDHAMPTON VOLUNTEERS

February and March have been a busy time for the Volunteers tidying and creating a garden and footpath in Lower Road. The weather has also been kind.

Apart from Karen's initial bulb planting, edging the path with recently donated logs, a tweaking of the stability of our bridge and the raking of the woodchip to the path below (no sign of the slow worm seen warming/worming himself in the pile on Monday), and Josie's litter picking (over 3 bin bags full), the team were devoted to extending the path another 30 metres. Eventually extending the path to the original objective with the scouts' assistance to the railway line would bring people alongside the fence by the railway. This year's work will at least complete a route, but we ideally need some paving slabs for steps. Peter D cut back the bank further on, allowing walkers to access the full length of the copse strip, the brambles are negligible further on.

By mid March, the donated paving slabs were started and the path now reaches the base of where the steps commence, and around 50 forget-me-nots planted.

Nigel Vosper I/C of our local scouts visited, and was shown the rest of the area where they could extend the path, a lot more easily with the ivy petering out beyond the main road discharge of waste water, and feels it is a suitable project for them on more than the one evening; the first is the 27th April.

So the simple very feasible aim, to claim a completed overall project, is to complete the steps, clear the verge of woodchip enabling it to be grass seeded, tidy up the fly tipped area by removing thick branches, using them to continue the edging of the path, and tramping down what is left of the fly tipping, which seems to have stopped; then plant whatever has been donated meanwhile.

Clive 2 found a purse at the end of a shift along the new path. Enquiries and its restoration to its 76 year old grateful female owner at Purbrook, revealed it to have been stolen at the Asda fish counter from her supermarket basket 5 weeks ago. It had contained some cash and CCTV showed a suspect carrying out the theft; there is now a warrant out for his arrest.



We are trying to find an alternative supplier of our lamp post baskets of flowers as our usual suppliers at the New Blendworth Centre are unable to carry out this year's task.

Pete Spencer

The recent warm sunny weather has highlighted the brilliant displays of daffodils planted by the Volunteers in recent years.

Wordsearch for April - The last Passover

On the night before He died, Jesus ate His last Passover meal with His disciples. He then transformed the Passover into the Lord’s Supper, saying of the bread and wine that, ‘this is my body’ and ‘this is my blood’. Jesus, the Lamb of God, was preparing to die for the sins of the whole world. John’s gospel makes it clear that the Last Supper took place the evening BEFORE the regular Passover meal, and that later Jesus died *at the same time* that the Passover lambs were killed.

Jesus then astonished the disciples by washing their feet. He said: “A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another. In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is ‘*mandatum novum do vobis*’. The word ‘maundy’ is thus a corruption of the Latin ‘mandatum’ (or command).

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| Passover | blood |
| ate | Lamb |
| last | God |
| disciples | die |
| transformed | sins |
| Lord | world |
| Supper | John |
| bread | gospel |
| wine | killed |
| body | feet |
| washing | service |
| love | maundy |
| command | |

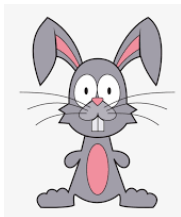


Answers next month



Why was the Easter bunny upset?

He was having a bad hare day.



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SOLUTION

4th Bedhampton Guides Toilet Challenge Evening



On 3rd March, 4th Guides decided to hold a 'toilet challenge' evening to help to raise funds for the toilet refurbishment at St. Nicholas church hall. Prior to the evening, we made money boxes out of toilet tubes and filled them with our loose change.



Emily's Mum, Angela, very kindly offered to make a 'toilet cake' and what a cake it was! Nothing prepared us for this masterpiece when it was brought in! We bought raffle tickets and Emily pulled Micaela's name from the box of tickets! She was delighted!

We took part in a toilet quiz which caused great hilarity. We challenged ourselves to make toilets out of toilet rolls and we shovelled poo, too! (Maltezers!)

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1. Over a lifetime, the average person spends how long sitting on a toilet? a)6 months, b)18 months, c)3 years
2. Who invented the modern toilet in the 16th century? a)Sir John Harrington, b)Queen Elizabeth I, c)Alexander Cummings.

Of course, we had to do the obligatory 'how quick can you wrap a patrol member in toilet roll' challenge, and I was ambushed by two fellow Guiders who took me by surprise! Somehow, they had great delight in making sure I couldn't see anything! (or breathe!). There were bonus points for guessing members who looked like mummies. We are looking forward to handing over our contributions to the church and it has really made us think about how lucky we are to be able to hold our meetings in the church hall and what a valuable resource we have here in Bedhampton. Thank you!

Hayley Gillians

Answers 1c and 2a



A Simply Super Thinking Day 22.2.22

The Guiding District organised a simple evening to celebrate the WAGGS Thinking Day and the Birthdays of Founders Lord and Lady Baden Powell.



As this was our first gathering for all seven units together in well over two years, our aim was to keep it simple. Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Leaders and members of the Trefoil Guild and our Friends of Guiding group all joined together. Crafts offered were as follows.

Folding a Trefoil shape from a chenille stem to remind us of our Promise, and making Promise Booklets.

Paperfolding and cutting to produce girls stood around the world holding hands in friendship.

Decorating wooden doll in uniforms from around the world to represent our differences but common aims,

Drawing round our hands to hang on a lighted tree to show how each as individuals add to the Guiding Tree.

Wooden hearts with Trefoil Buttons to remind us that our Promise should always be at the heart of what we do.

And last but by no means least, making Guiding Lights to show we are still shining. The Guiding Lights required glass bottles and I had a light bulb moment when I remembered that I had 50 such jars hidden in the loft from a Camp in 1996. I knew if I kept them long enough, I would find a worthy use for them.

We played a few simple Games around Thinking Day and the date of 22.02.2022. The County Commissioner Victoria Ling-White joined us, which myself and one other managed to keep secret from everyone until the last few hours.

Victoria especially came to present both Alison Richer and Nicki Harckham-Edwards with their 30 year Long Service Awards. Victoria also presented a Hants East Silver Standard award to Nicki Harckham for her dedication to Guiding and the support she has offered others over the years, and for going above and beyond to ensure meetings can be held. An example is that Nicki will often come to run the Brownie session prior to a 12-hour Nursing night shift at St Richards Hospital. Congratulations to both Alison and Nicki and thanks for all the years of dedicated service.

Following the presentations, all the Guiding lights were used as a Camp Fire and Hayley and Nicki lead a good old camp fire sing along. It is traditional to begin any campfire with Campfires Burning but the Song "We are all together again" was the only fitting way to begin after such a long time apart. It simply sent shivers down my spine and a smile to my face to hear the girls singing with such joy.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

We stopped at 20.22 hours and 22 seconds on the 22.02.2022 to renew our Promises lead by the County Commissioner.

We then ended the evening with a few softer special Camp Fire Songs which held special memories of those no longer with us since our last gathering. The evening was brought to a close by the traditional singing of Brownie Bells and Taps.

Simply a super evening.

Janet Goring, Bedhampton District Guiding.



The Big Brown Brownie Treasure Chest

For as long as I can remember there has been a big brown box tucked away in the Guide District Garage. It is big and heavy and covered in cobwebs. It has not moved in years, nay decades until...

. . . A Wednesday evening at the end of February when it was dragged into the Hall. And members of 1st Bedhampton Brownies very gingerly lifted the heavy lid and peeped inside....

What at first looked just like a collection of old books, folders and scrap books, upon closer inspection from the girls, the contents did indeed turn out to be treasure...

All the old log books were packed with the full history of 1st Bedhampton Brownies up until the turn of the century.

With a little detective work we discovered that 1st Bedhampton Brownies Pack was registered at Girl Guide Headquarters on the 6th March 1935, making the group 87! Cue change of plans for the week of 2nd March, to include Birthday cake and a think about what gifts our current day Brownies could leave in the chest for future Brownies to find. .

Having also found a variety of old Brownie and Guide uniforms at the back of my loft, the girls were thrilled to dress up in the old uniforms and try the skill of folding the old fashioned Brownie neckerchiefs into a tie and securing behind your neck with a reef knot.



Brownie Sophia wrote... "I really enjoyed dressing up because we got to see what the Brownie Uniforms used to be like. I loved the old badges because they looked so different. I liked the Teddy shoes because they were really small and cute."

Brownie Evie said..."Opening the chest and seeing all the old Brownie things was very interesting and enjoyable. We found out that our Brownies anniversary is the 6th March and we are 87 years old!"

Janet Goring
1st Bedhampton Brownies.



1st Bedhampton Scouts

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Pancake day has just passed us by as I write this and it was great to be able to celebrate this day once again with a combined Beaver and Cub Pancake Party. Activities included making mini (and great big) pancakes, doing pancake races, learning how to ☺ make a cup of tea, and importantly **eating** pancakes.

The Scout Troop took this a step further by turning it into an inter-patrol pancake cooking competition on the Wednesday. The standard was very impressive with every one of the Scouts remembering to bring in the ingredients they had been assigned the week before. Ultimately, Raven Patrol under Daniels leadership won the competition by combining a savoury bacon based Pancake with sweet fruit. It sounds a strange combination but it worked very well and it was beautifully presented.

I was hoping to tell you that we completed the first camp of the year in February. Unfortunately storms Dudley and Eunice conspired to knock down branches, take out water supplies and close the Scout campsite we were heading to for the weekend.

In true Scouting spirit, the campsite had overcome all these problems by the following weekend when the whole of Hampshire Explorer Scouts arrived for their 20th year celebration. One of our leaders went to the camp to help them with his Rifle Permit.



1st Bedhampton Scouts have rescheduled their camp for March and I hope to be able to tell you all about it next month.

The usual weekly programme activities are going well. The Cub Scouts have been making Bird Houses (thank you to the Parents who helped and to B&Q for donating the wood). The Beaver Scouts did Gardening and celebrated Chinese New Year. The Scouts are busy sanding and repainting their Patrol Boxes with their new Patrol Names.

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

Nigel Vosper

Group Administrator & Scout Troop Leader

COMMUNITY

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 2 April, 7.30pm

Havant Symphony Orchestra

Warlock, Prokofiev, Brahms

Oaklands School, Waterlooville

Saturday 2 April, 7.30pm

Chantry Quire:

Passiontide Meditation

Pergolesi: Stabat Mater; Motets

Boxgrove Priory, east Chichester

Saturday 9 April, 7.30pm:

Portsmouth Festival Choir:

50 Years Celebration

Vivaldi, Hurd, Mozart

Church of the Holy Spirit, Southsea



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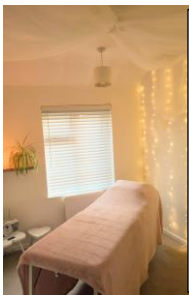
Renaissance Choir

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Zoe Barnett: Guitar

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February News: A Talk on Ghana

On Tuesday 22nd February we were treated to a talk by Angela Herring, Havant IDWAL Liaison Officer, and Nicola Ellis about their many trips to Koforidua in Ghana. To accompany their talk, they brought with them some slides to illustrate the varied events and the different forms of worship which they had attended. Angela told us particularly about the proceedings on 22nd October 2021 to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Anglican Diocese of Koforidua. The event started at 9.30 with a procession of the clergy with Archbishop Cyril Ben-Smith bringing up the rear with his gold mitre shining in the sun.

During the morning there were other processions – notably the 'Great Entrance' where gifts of oil, water, rice and cereal were brought to the altar on the heads of some of the women. At one stage everyone started singing and dancing in praise of God and Angela and Nicola felt blessed to be part of such a vibrant celebration.

A Mass was held later during the day and, after three hours, presentations were made to clergy and loyal parishioners for their faithful work in the church. Angela herself has now been created a Canon of the Diocese. The day was very hot but as the service ended, the first drops of rain fell which quickly transformed into a torrent of monsoon proportions.

One of the many highlights of the talk was the work carried out in making beautiful cloth. Angela and Nicola were wearing dresses made from the diocesan cloth used at the anniversary celebrations but had also brought with them some examples of the amazing work accomplished by the people in the Diocese. A photo of this is attached as an illustration.

Our meeting ended with our usual tea and cakes so kindly made and donated by Christine and, as so many of our members were unable to attend due to illness, we had no hesitation in asking Angela and Nicola if they would be able to make a return visit, to which they were happy to agree and so we know we can look forward to another fascinating afternoon sometime in the future to hear more about our friends in Koforidua.

Marie Payne

Look at it this way

Every evening I turn my troubles over to God. Why not? He's going to be up all night anyway.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

MOTHERS' UNION

APRIL

*Wednesday 6th Holy Communion
9.30am at St Thomas*

Tuesday 26th

Talk by Rev. Max Cross
Camino de Santiago, part 1
St Nicholas Church 2.30pm

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Portsmouth Arts Society

**Thursday
14th April 2pm**



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**Thursday 21st April
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Chair exercise – Yes, You!

Trudi Wright

Competition: Bring a quintessentially English thing

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BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Church Family

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WEDDINGS

Mikaela George & Daniel Cavanagh
Katie George & Lloyd Burns
Kelly Golding & Colin Stephen



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We pray for the families of those who have recently died.

Alison Bull
Cedric 'Wid' George



Dates for your diary

Good Friday - note NO COFFEE MORNING at St Nicholas

April 10th – April 17th: Visit the Easter Journey at St Thomas

Tuesday 19th April: St Nick's Flicks

Saturday 2nd July: Bedhampton Summer Show, Bidbury Mead

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Services for APRIL 2022

SUNDAY 3rd

(Lent 5)

On-line

www.bedhampton.tv

St Thomas 9.00 am

Morning Prayer

St Nicholas 10.30 am

Messy Church

St Thomas 6.00 pm

Compline

SUNDAY 10th

(Palm Sunday)

St Thomas 10.00 am

Walk from St Thomas to St Nicholas

St Nicholas 10.30 am

Shared Morning Worship

GOOD FRIDAY 15th

St Thomas 11.00 am

One hour at the Cross (4-5pm on-line)

EASTER SATURDAY 16th

St Thomas 3.00 pm

Easter Egg Hunt – Family Event

SUNDAY 17th

(Easter Day)

St Thomas 10.00 am

Shared Easter Celebration

St Nicholas

No service

St Thomas 6.00 pm

Celtic Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 24th

(Easter 2)

St Thomas 9.00 am

Holy Communion

St Nicholas 10.30 am

Morning Worship

As the clocks changed on 27th March, Compline and Celtic Evening Prayer are now at their summertime slot of 6pm.

ON-LINE: All services are either streamed live or later at www.Bedhampton.tv and Facebook

ON-LINE services will be available from 4pm each Sunday.

MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

Wednesday 6th St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion. (M.U.)

Wednesday 13th St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion

Wednesday 20th St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion

Wednesday 27th St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion

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