



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

Sunday 6th March 2022
First Sunday of Lent

St Thomas'
9.00am Morning Prayer
Mark 1.9-13
Mark 1.21-39
Service streamed at 4pm
www.bedhampton.tv

St Nicholas'
10.30am Messy Church

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.

Rector's Reflection

I sit in my living room at the beginning of the day. The words of Henri Nouwen echo in my mind from a book I read recently. "Without solitude it is virtually impossible to live a spiritual life." Silence is not a natural home for me, and today it seems determined to beat me. A chainsaw starts up next door, a phone buzzes in another room, a dog barks. Perhaps like me you desire to be closer to our Father God, but find yourself distracted at every turn. As we enter Lent let us explore together this weekend, how we might discover God in the whisper of silence despite our busy world.

Prayer

Please pray for those who have recently begun their married lives.
Mikaela and Daniel Cavanagh
Katie and Lloyd Burns.

Street Prayer

Please pray for the residents of Nelson Road this week.

Those requesting prayer:

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

We remember Alison Bull 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 9th March

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 March

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

Friday 11th March

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.

Life Events

Monday 7th March

2.00pm Funeral service for Alison Bull: St Thomas' Church

News

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 +
Book with Deb to take part.

Holy Land Trip 2023

Max Cross and Peter Hall are leading a week-long pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 27th May to 2nd June 2023; visits include Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Galilee, Nazareth, Capernaum and the Dead Sea. Peter and Max are running an introductory meeting to give people more information about the trip. This will be Wednesday 30th March at 7.30pm and at St Thomas'. Do come along to find out more.

Lent fundraising

Will you help Deb fundraise with Smarties? Take a tube of Smarties, enjoy them and fill the tube with coins (or notes if you prefer!!) for St Nicholas' refurbishment.

Duck Race

Saturday 26th March, 11.00am
Please support our Scout Group by sponsoring a duck for £1, as they race along the Hermitage Stream near Stockheath Lane. 1st Prize £100 and many other prizes. Refreshments available. Tickets from Section Leaders, members of the Scout Group or Barbara Vosper 02392474739 or 07395004222.

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.
Please book in with Deb if you'd like to come along.

Worship Workshop

On Thursday 24th March, 7.30pm Peter Hall will be leading a workshop for anybody who does, or feels called to, help lead worship at St Nicholas'. This will include how we lead as well as how we integrate the children's work, our prayers, Bible reading and sung worship.

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.

Bitesize Bible

John 16: 12 - John 18: 18
Revelation 5: 1 - Revelation 10: end
Amos 1: 1 - Jonah 4: end
Job 31: 1 - Job 34: 20

Next week: Sunday 13th March

Second Sunday of Lent

St Thomas'

9.00am Holy Communion

Exodus 20: 8-11

Mark 2: 23-28

St Nicholas'

10.30am Morning Worship

Exodus 20: 8-11

Mark 2:23-28

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