



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

Sunday 27th March 2022

Fourth Sunday in Lent - Mothering Sunday

St Thomas'

9.00am Holy Communion

Psalm 139: 1-18

Matthew 6: 19-35

Service streamed at 4pm

www.bedhampton.tv

St Nicholas'

10.30am Morning Worship

Psalm 139: 1-18

Matthew 6: 19-35

Service streamed at 6pm

www.bedhampton.tv

Collect

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Rector's Reflection

I am sure you are aware that the root of Mothering Sunday is the ancient tradition of returning to your mother Church, or the Church where you were baptised, on the Sunday in the middle of Lent. A simple gesture of thanks to God for the gifts he has given us. We can see how easily it has transitioned into the simple gesture of giving thanks for those who have taken the role of mothers to us. Jesus cared for his mother when upon the cross with the simple words to his dearest friend John. 'Here is your mother.' As we explore the ancient way of Jesus called simplicity; it might be that those who mother us may not need the grand gesture but would prefer the simple gesture of time and few words. And why not visit your mother Church while you're at it.

Prayer

Street Prayer

Please pray for the residents of James Road this week.

Those requesting prayer:

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

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 30th March

8.00am Parish Prayer: Facebook or Zoom

9.30am Holy Communion: St Thomas' Church

Tea, coffee and biscuits available after the service

Thursday 31st March

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

Friday 1st April

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

Thursday 31st March

10.45am Funeral of Edward Fletcher: St Thomas'

St Nicholas' Refurbishment

The refurbishment of St Nicholas' toilets is scheduled to begin on 19th April!! If you have any fund raising ideas please speak to Max.

Easter Flowers

If you would like to make a contribution towards our Easter flowers there are cards and envelopes in both churches.

Donations for Ukraine

The church has donated £1000 from our World Mission Fund to DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. If you would like to make a donation you can donate online at www.dec.org.uk or take a cheque or cash into the office.

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.

Mugs

We have church mugs for sale. £5 each - all proceeds will go to the St Nicholas' refurbishment fund.

Clocks go forward this weekend!

A friendly reminder that the clocks go forward this weekend! We don't want you to be late for church!!

Common Cup

We are happy to announce that from Easter Sunday we will return to offering wine from the common cup as an *optional* part of Holy Communion. There is a long tradition within the Anglican communion that receiving one or other of the elements is the same as receiving full communion. If you choose not to receive the wine you will have still received full Holy Communion.

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.

A prayer for Mothering Sunday

God of celebration, who rejoices with those who rejoice, we pray for those for whom Mothering Sunday is a time of thanksgiving and joy.
God of compassion, who weeps with those who weep, we pray for those for whom Mothering Sunday is a time of heartache and pain.
God of community, who calls the children to come to him, we thank you that your love abounds for families of every kind.
God of comfort, who gathers us as a hen gathers its chicks, we thank you that your love surrounds the disappointed and hurt.
God of every circumstance, we bring our thanks and praise that we belong to your family as your beloved children. Amen

*Next week: Sunday 3rd April
Fifth Sunday in Lent*

St Thomas'
9.00am Morning Prayer
Matthew 7: 24-29

St Nicholas'
10.30am Messy Church

Contact us

Parish Office
Deb Vears
Mon-Fri 9.30-12.30
Hello@Bedhampton.church
023 9248 3013

Church Leader (Rector)
Rev Max Cross
Normal day off is Friday
Max@Bedhampton.church
023 9245 0955