



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

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022**  
*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

**St Thomas'**  
**9.00am Morning Prayer**  
John 15: 1-8  
Matthew 7: 24-29  
*Service streamed at 4pm*  
*www.bedhampton.tv*  
**6.00pm Compline**

**St Nicholas'**  
**10.30am Messy Church**

### **Collect**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 love a good rule, boundaries sit well with me. On the other hand a certain lady in my life might be known for pushing on those boundaries. We may have an emotional reaction, but what if practices could help with a life to the full? Would those practices be worth an investigation? What Suzy and I have found is that for boundary fans and boundary pushers it's possible to implement a rule of life that enhances our walk with Jesus. Isn't that something we all want?

## *Prayer*

### **Street Prayer**

Please pray for the residents of Harestock Road this week.

### **Those requesting prayer:**

Peter, Bonnie, Eileen Newman, Janice Stott, Amelia, Michael, Marjorie, Anne, Valerie and Eric

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 6<sup>th</sup> April***

**8.00am Parish Prayer:** Facebook or Zoom

**9.30am Holy Communion (Mothers' Union):** St Thomas' Church  
Tea, coffee and biscuits available after the service

### ***Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April***

**10.00am Online Holy Communion:** [www.Bedhampton.tv](http://www.Bedhampton.tv) or Facebook  
and available afterwards

### ***Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April***

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

**Zoom meetings - [www.zoom.us](http://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](http://Bton.uk/zoom) will redirect you to the correct place.

## *Life Events*

Congratulations to Chloe and Sam Mutton on the birth of their daughter, Arabella Louise, who arrived on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March.  
Both Arabella and Chloe are doing well.

### **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](http://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.

### **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. For more details contact Peter, Max or Deb or go to [bton.uk/holyland](http://bton.uk/holyland)

### **Quiz**

Thank you to Max and Suzy for running the quiz night. Fun was had by all and we raised a grand total of £433 for St Nicholas' refurbishment.

### **Electoral Role**

If you would like to be added to our electoral role please contact Deb before 10<sup>th</sup> April.

### **1st Bedhampton (St Thomas') Scout Group**

We thank everyone who supported us in our Annual Duck Race on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March. A profit of £770 was obtained by the Group. A list of winners is available in both Churches.

### **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.

## ***St Nicholas' Refurbishment***

The refurbishment work at St Nicholas' will start on 19th April!

For everyone's safety it is vital that the contractor has control of the construction area but we plan to allow the church and all the groups who meet at St Nicholas to remain fully operational.

The contractor needs to have control over the site while the work is carried out so temporary toilets will be constructed in the courtyard and all access to the Gwatkin will be via the kitchen.

Anything stored in rooms off the corridor, which might be needed during the construction period, will need to be relocated before building work starts. This includes items from the Kidszone, crockery store and the locker store.

If you or your group are unable to find somewhere to store items you will need during the construction period it may be possible to provide temporary open shelving on the stage but this will not be lockable

Thank you in advance for helping us make this a smooth and safe operation to improve the facilities at St Nicholas.

***Next week: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April***

*Palm Sunday*

**St Thomas'**  
**9.30am Procession to**  
**St Nicholas'**

**St Nicholas'**  
**10.00am Morning Worship**  
Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29  
Luke 19: 28-40

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