



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

***Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022***  
***Second Sunday of Easter***

**St Thomas'**  
**9.00am Holy Communion**  
Micah 6: 6-8  
John 1: 1-13

**St Nicholas'**  
**10.30am Morning Worship**  
Micah 6: 6-8  
John 1: 1-13

### ***Collect***

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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***

In his speech at Diocesan Synod, Bishop Jonathan announced he had two priorities. One is towards children and young people, to make Portsmouth diocese a place that recognises that they are part of the church of today. He also wants to see an Anna Chaplain (senior's pastoral minister) in every parish, to acknowledge the foundations upon which we stand and the need for the wisdom of the older members of our family. When I heard those words, my heart leapt. It's encouraging to know that our existing priorities are aligned with our new Bishop's. I hope to speak more about how we can expand our servicing of the seniors in our community. However, this week we move forward on the first of those two priorities, because I had asked one of the parents in our Church to reflect upon how we can be more open to young families. Coincidence? No, God has it all in hand.

## *Prayer*

### **Street Prayer**

Please pray for the residents of Ampfield Close 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 27<sup>th</sup> April***

**9.30am Holy Week Holy Communion:** St Thomas' Church  
Tea, coffee and biscuits available after the service

### ***Friday 29<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.

### **Food Bank Sunday**

Because of the heavy demand on Food Banks we are going to have an extra push to help. Let us truly serve the community of Bedhampton by sharing God's love and friendship, in a very practical way.

Food can also be donated in:  
The black box by the front door of  
The Rectory, Bidbury Lane.  
(Please note it is not the Old  
Rectory).

St Nicholas' on Belmont Grove.  
St Thomas' on Bidbury Lane.

All of these are wanted: Coffee  
and Tea, Pasta Sauces, Rice,  
Sugar (500g), Cereals, Soup,  
Tinned Meat, Tuna, Tinned  
Vegetables or Fruit, Baked  
beans, Custard, Rice Puddings.  
Bottles of Squash, Biscuits,  
Cooking Sauces, Jam or  
Marmalade, Meals in a tin.

### **Rule of Life**

Go to [bton.uk/practice](http://bton.uk/practice) for the link to a free copy of the, Developing a Personal Rule of Life workbook, recommended in recent services. Alternatively contact Deb in the parish office and she will print one out for you.

### **Nuppets Postponed**

We have had to postpone the Nuppets sessions for a few weeks.

### **Alpha Course**

We are once again hosting Alpha, a series exploring the Christian faith through video and discussion. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and Jesus, whilst we share a meal together. Everyone is welcome, who are you going to invite? Contact the office for more information.

### **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)

### **New Wine Celebration**

Sunday 1st May -

New Wine Celebration.

This month's speaker will be Danny Wignall. Danny is Mission Enabler from Guildford Diocese and advocate for Emotionally Healthy Spirituality and Leadership, as well as a long term New Wine friend. 6pm at Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn.

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

It is very exciting that the refurbishment has begun!  
We give thanks to God for giving us the resources to be able to make this happen. The upheaval will be worth it!!

***Next week: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May***  
*Third Sunday of Easter*

**St Thomas'**  
**9.00am Morning Prayer**  
1 Corinthians 13: 1-13  
Matthew 19: 1-12

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

### ***Contact us***

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Deb currently has covid  
but will hopefully be back in the office on Monday.