



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

*Sunday 1st May 2022*  
*Third Sunday of Easter*

**St Thomas'**  
**9.00am Morning Prayer**  
1 Corinthians 13: 1-13  
Matthew 19: 1-12  
**6.00pm Compline**

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

### *Collect*

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

### *Rector's Reflection*

Saxon White Kessinger's poem "Indispensable Man" reflects: "Take a bucket and fill it with water, put your hand in it up to the wrist, pull it out and the hole that's remaining is a measure of how you'll be missed." I don't completely subscribe to that thought process but it does remind me how unimportant I am, and that the world can carry on turning without me. Early in my walk with Jesus, Father God reminded me of the same idea but in a more loving way. In an anxious moment of doubt and whilst in prayer, words entered my mind. "I can do this without you, but I would rather do it with you." The creator of the universe sees you as a partner in His mission. I wonder what he could do with you, if only you could believe that you can and He wants to.

## *Prayer*

### **Street Prayer**

Please pray for the residents of Chadswell Meadow 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 4th May***

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

### ***Friday 6th May***

**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*

### ***Tuesday 3rd May***

**10.00am Burial of ashes of David Hale:** St Thomas' Church

### ***Sunday 8th May***

**3.00pm Baptism of Mickey and Darren Landing:** St Thomas' Church  
All welcome

## News

### Food Bank

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

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

All of these are needed: 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.

### 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)

### Women's Brunch is back!

Sue Glanville will be with us on  
Saturday 21st May 10am-12noon  
in the hall at Herne Farm Leisure  
Centre, Crundles, Petersfield

The subject will be ***'Developing  
an attitude of gratitude'***

Gratefulness is a major tool for  
mental health and joy in everyday  
life. Sue promises examples from  
poetry, scripture, stories and  
saints.

All ladies are welcome and  
coffee, tea and pastries will be  
served.

If you would like to come please  
contact Suzy 07545 966905  
[suzy@cross.org.uk](mailto:suzy@cross.org.uk)

### Wrapping paper tubes

When you've finished a roll of  
wrapping paper please save the  
inside tube and let Gill have it,  
ready for the Jubilee weekend.

### 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.

## *Dates for your diary*

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** (APCM) will be on  
29th May, 12.00noon at St Nicholas'.

**The Big Bedhampton Jubilee Picnic** on Bidbury Mead  
Saturday 4th June from 3.00pm  
*If you can help with these celebrations please contact Sally at  
thetrittons2015@hotmail.com*

***Next week: Sunday 8th May***  
*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

**St Thomas'**  
**9.00am Holy Communion**  
Acts 9: 36-end  
Matthew 19: 13-15

**St Nicholas'**  
**10.30am Morning Worship**  
Exodus 3: 1-12  
Matthew 19: 13-15

## *Contact us*

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