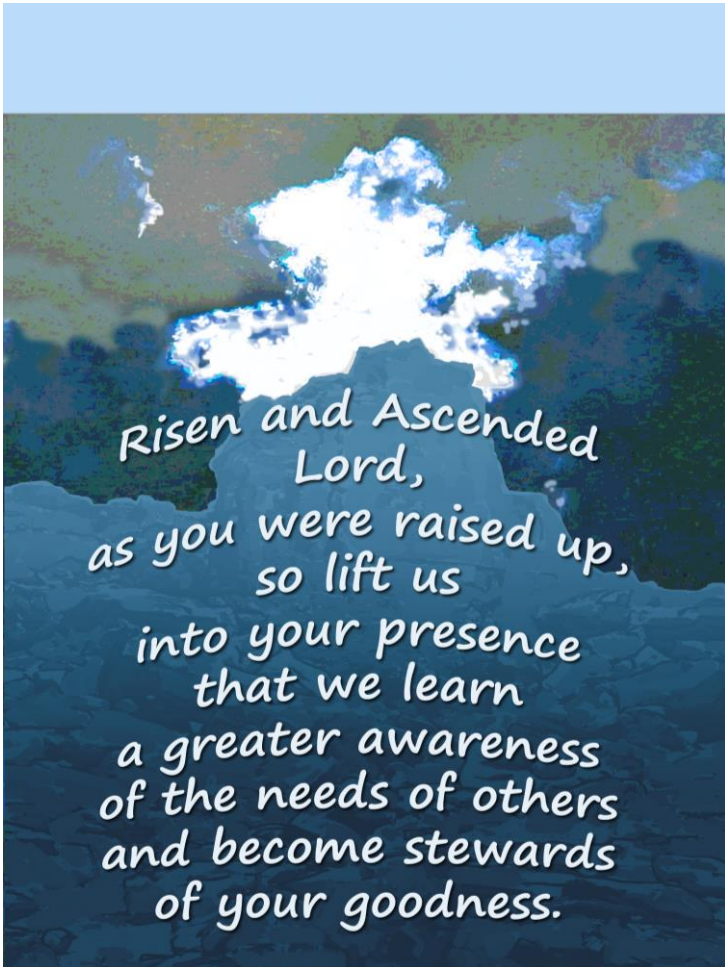


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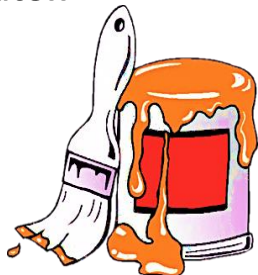
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Prayers & Praying

Over these last few months, I doubt if there has been a day that you have not said a little prayer for what has been happening or has happened in Ukraine.

I am one of those individuals that pray first thing in the morning thanking God for seeing me through the night and giving me another day. Then in the evening before going to sleep I thank God again for seeing me through that day hopefully completing all that I had set before me in my diary, as well as other things that may have happened.

Now one would think that was it, but it isn't. I talk to God throughout the day. If I am outside and I hear the birds singing and seeing the flowers bursting out from their buds, I thank Him, but also the fact that He has given me the hearing and sight to do just that.

You don't need to pray a certain way or a certain length of time or in a certain place. Let God's Spirit take you wherever it leads you. The Bible says, 'He fashions their hearts individually,' so when it comes to prayer be yourself.

If you do not have anything in particular to pray about, which I am sure may not be the case, then you can always say the Lord's prayer, something we all know, but just say it slowly and think about the words as you go through it. We say it many times during the year, could be Church services, a wedding, a funeral etc. but do we really think about what we are saying. Try it!

Just remember, wherever you are and whatever you are doing just keep talking to God because He is listening, but remember, the time may not be right for Him to answer your prayer but He will when He thinks it to be appropriate.

Amen

*Ann Partridge
Church Warden*

BEDHAMPTON CALENDAR 2023

Why not take some local photos for a Bedhampton calendar?
Keep taking photos – they may be submitted for next year.



If you have any photos of local interest, please send them to the Parish Office, either by email or prints. All prints will be safely returned.

MOTHERS' UNION

Answers, from page 20

Name	Biblical Ref.
1. Deborah	Judges 4
2. Delilah	Judges 16
3. Dorcas	Acts 9
4. Elizabeth	Luke 1
5. Esther	Esther
6. Jael	Judges 4
7. Jezebel	1 Kings 21

All in the month of May

60 years ago, on 25th May 1962, the new Coventry Cathedral was consecrated.

40 years ago, 27th-28th May 1982 during the Falklands War, the Battle of Goose Green took place, a British victory. Commemorations have been taking place in recent weeks.

25 years ago, 1st May 1997 that the Labour Party won a landslide victory when Tony Blair became Prime Minister.

15 years ago, on 3rd May 2007, three-year-old Madeleine McCann went missing while on holiday with her parents in Praia da Luz, Portugal. Her disappearance has never been solved.



Pause And Pray

A time to pause and gather together to pray for our Borough for 1 hour. This group will meet on the second Monday of the month
6-7pm at St Thomas' Church,
8th May All welcome!



FOODBANK contributions can be made at Asda, Tesco, Waitrose, or in the black box at the Rectory in Bidbury Lane. Many thanks to all those who donated to the 'bring a bag of shopping' Sunday.

Cover: Ascension prayer.



A Messy Church event
is planned for

**Sunday 1st May, 10.30am
at St. Nicholas.**

COMING SOON . . .

An Alpha Course, originally planned for earlier in the year, but has been delayed due to continued Covid concerns. It is hoped to begin in June. Contact us for more information, or visit www.Bedhampton.church/alpha

The Queen's Jubilee

On Saturday 4th June we are holding an event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It will be a great opportunity for us as God's people here in Bedhampton. Put the date in your diaries. Also see page 9.

ARCHBISHOP CAUSES CONTROVERSY OVER EASTER LETTER

In his Easter message this year, Justin Welby has condemned the government's plan to send thousands of asylum seekers to Rwanda saying the policy did not stand "the judgment of God". The details are for politics and politicians but the strategy posed "serious ethical questions". He said Christ's resurrection was not the time for "subcontracting our responsibilities".

It is being argued that religious leaders should not get involved in politics.
Right: The Archbishop carries a cross during Holy Week.

St Nick's Flicks

Tuesday 17th May
at St Nicholas' Church
1.45pm for 2pm start



A free film show with refreshments and interval. All welcome, no need to book. Contact the office for film details.

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FAMILY NEWS

We send our good wishes to those who celebrate anniversaries and birthdays this month including Max Cross and Geoff Nellthorp.



HOLY LAND TRIP 2023

Max Cross and Peter Hall are planning to lead a week-long pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 27th May to 3rd June 2023; visits include Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Galilee, Nazareth, Capernaum, and the Dead Sea. More information from Max.



PARISH NEWS

NEWS UPDATE FROM SAM & CHLOE

Introducing **Arabella Louise Mutton**

“We just wanted to let you all know that Arabella Louise Mutton arrived on Sunday 20th March weighing 3.2kg. Both Chloe and Arabella are doing well but recovering from an emergency c-section with a toddler is harder than we thought. We did get out as a family and went for a coffee and cake which was lovely! WE are so thankful for gorgeous weather and parks to keep Zara-Grace entertained. She is already a wonderful big sister and is enjoying giving lots of cuddles and kisses to baby.

Thank you to you all for prayers around the



birth of Arabella. We feel so thankful to the NHS and being able to give birth in the UK where we have such great healthcare.

Hopefully we will see more of you in the coming weeks as we get out and about and visit more churches.

Hopefully you enjoyed reading our flyers and news updates.

Love from Sam, Chloe, Zara-Grace and Arabella.



Right: Some of the crafts made by women in Kampala brought to raise funds.

PALM SUNDAY WALK

On Palm Sunday the weather was kind for the planned walk from St. Thomas to St. Nicholas.

As no donkey was available this year, people improvised with ears and tails, including Rector Rev Max Cross.

The service was held at St. Nicholas.



The route took the path across Bidbury Mead, up to the pedestrian crossing and along Bedhampton Road, before turning up Hulbert Road, then to St Nicholas. After the service, the cross outside was decorated with prayer ribbons and stones.



Christian Aid Week: 15th – 21st May

Special Collection: Sunday 22nd May

Speaker: Charlotte Scott



This year the Christian Aid appeal is raising awareness of hunger. Featuring Jessica, a mother with four young children. She feels helpless, having to see her children going to bed hungry. Her only hope is the growing of crops, making food more available but like all these things, they need more money. With our help, Christian Aid can help people like Jessica in turn reducing hunger.

We have all seen pictures of children in Ukraine in recent weeks. So it makes it even easier to picture Jessica's children in desperate need of food.

Please give generously to Christian Aid. These donations will provide the resources so desperately needed. These resources will then be contributed to those suffering who need a helping hand.

Turning hunger into hope.



The Missionary Team

In rural Zimbabwe, seven in ten women rely on farming to make a living. But the merciless drought is robbing women like Jessica the chance to provide for their families.

Without rain to grow crops, no food can grow here. Jessica and her children often have to survive on one small bowl of porridge a day. With no crops to sell, she cannot afford to send her children to school. However, Jessica is not about to give up.

REMEMBERING FRIENDS IN BEDHAMPTON

John Berry was born in 1932 in Portsmouth, and soon afterwards his dad, Charles, was posted to Hong Kong for 3 years, and his education started. The young family had a wonderful time. They returned to England and in 1938 his brother, Peter was born. They soon had to move from Portsmouth to Catisfield for safety during World War 2.

After the war the family returned to Portsmouth and John took an apprenticeship in the dockyard as an electrician. He did well in the Dockyard school and went on to take a degree in electrical engineering at Portsmouth Technical College, as an external London University degree. It was a very proud moment for mum and dad when they attended the degree ceremony in London. He was a good tennis player and together with Peter would spend hours practising on the Southsea courts.

He took up old time dancing where he met Margaret and took part in competitions together, although he was not as good as Margaret. They married in November 1957 and moved to the Midlands where he worked for English Electric.

Unfortunately, during delivery, they lost a baby girl and were then unable to have children. John worked at many places but eventually did electrical sub-contracting work. Following Margaret's early death in 1974 John met Mary Harwood, a family he knew when he was married to Margaret. They married in 1977 and enjoyed many happy holidays together in Italy and Greece. When Mary become ill, he spent many years nursing and caring for her. John always had a very good sense of humour and enjoyed the company of many friends and neighbours in and around Bedhampton and to those further afield by phone.

Edward 'Ted' Fletcher was born in 1937. He was a happy, caring, loving and thoughtful person, which extended from his family to his friends. He met his childhood sweetheart, Patricia, and married in 1959 at St Thomas Church. They had two children Chris and Lisa. Ted's son Chris said this was where his parents started their married life; it was easy to see how much they loved each other and that love never wavered through all the years spent together; his mother was honoured at St. Thomas' a few years ago and now his father.

Ted loved the countryside and also loved working on tractors and diggers. He also loved spending time with Lisa at the stables, building, repairing and generally helping out.



PARISH NEWS

He also had a keen interest for vintage vehicles and would love to restore them. During the BMX era, Ted spoke with the neighbour to ask if he could turn the bit of field next door to us, into a BMX track for all to use in the neighbourhood. He went to work with his digger and in no time at all, there was this amazing BMX track with jumps, slopes and burns, it was a lot of fun!!



If he was not at work, he would be found happily tinkering away in the garage or shed fixing or building something. He even made time to make patio slabs.

The family will miss his smile, energy, spirit and sense of humour.

Alison Bull (née Bettsworth) was born in November 1926 at Poplar Cottage, Horndean to Kenneth and Eileen. Eileen had returned from Canada and Kenneth followed soon after and they lived with her parents at Poplar Cottage until 1932 when they moved to Park Lane, Bedhampton. Alison's brother Michael was born soon afterwards.

Alison attended the local school in Bedhampton followed by Pitmans College in West Street, Havant where she gained her secretarial qualifications. Her first job was in the Dockyard, Portsmouth until her father, who worked for Havant Council, heard that there was a secretarial position vacant. She applied and was offered the job where she remained for the rest of her working life.

Right: Alison pictured in 2011



Alison loved ballroom dancing and looked very glamorous and stylish in her gowns. She and her dancing partner Len took part in competitions, even reaching the local district final held in the main hall at Arundel Castle. Len and Alison married at Fareham Register Office and lived with Len's mother in Brookside Road, Havant. She became step mother to Len's daughter Kay. Alison and Len loved nature and the countryside and joined the Ramblers Association. They also enjoyed several holidays in Austria.

After Len's death in 1998, Alison continued to live at Brookside Road and became a member of the congregation of St Thomas's Church, Bedhampton, until her health gradually deteriorated and she was unable to care for herself. She moved into Emsworth House Care Home in 2016 where she was very well looked after.

Alison has outlived many of her family and friends but we will remember her gentle and caring nature, her ready smile, her tinkly laugh, her interest in others, her untidiness, her spirit and her dogged determination to overcome adversity.

The story behind 'Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son'

Here is a hymn that is so well known and loved that it has simply burst the bounds of Easter, and gets sung regularly at other times of the year. It has two stories behind it.

First, the music. The rousing music did not start out as a hymn, but instead was written by Handel for his opera 'Judas Maccabeus', first performed in 1746. Originally the words ran 'See the conquering hero comes', for Handel's opera tells the story (found in the Apocrypha) of the leader of the Jews, Judas Maccabeus, who led an army against the Syrians and restored worship at the Temple. With its triumphant refrain after each verse, the music is easy to learn and sing, and can be (and has been!) played to great effect either by the trumpets, on an organ in a large resonant church, or even on guitars (!).

Secondly, the words. They were not written until 1884, 138 years after the music. We owe them to the Revd Raymond Budry, a Swiss pastor from Lausanne. Ordained in the Free Evangelical Church in Vaud, he spent 35 years as the pastor of Vevey on Lake Geneva. Budry wrote the hymn in French ('A Toi La Gloire!') to console himself after the death of his first wife, and a year later (1885) it was published in *Chants Evangeliques*. Soon it found its way into English – translated by a Baptist minister from Kingston-upon-Thames, Richard Hoyle.

It is not clear who first had the idea of teaming *those* words with *that* music, but when they did, the hymn really took off. By 1904 it was being translated into other languages. The theme of 'battle' is never far from this hymn, whether it was the battle of Maccabeus or the battle over sin which was won by Christ on the cross and in rising from the tomb.

What would Handel make of it, if he could know that his battle music had become one of the world's most popular and well-known Easter hymns? A devout man, working for the poor, praying twice each day, and attending St Paul's Cathedral, so probably delighted.



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Exhibitors, Entertainment, Refreshments

Carousel Amusements, Chichester City Band, Jazz Magic, South Downs Folk Singers, Huxley Bird of Prey Centre and more.

Showground

Please be aware that the showground is on grass. It is all fairly level and flat, however the ground quality will depend on the weather preceding and during the show. Electric scooters and wheelchairs shouldn't have any problems, but manual wheelchairs might struggle if ground conditions aren't optimal. The pathways in the Walled Garden, as well as those leading to it, are flat and made of firm gravel.

All the marquees have carpeted or matted flooring, laid over grass.

Facilities

There are long wooden benches dotted around the showground, as well as multiple seating areas with tables and chairs, some of which are under cover (these will be marked on the showground map as 'Shaded Seating').

Each block of toilets (porta-loos) will have a wheelchair accessible unit.

Copies of the showground map on each of the 'What's On' A-Frame boards around the site.

Adult: £12, Concession £10, Child 5-15 yrs £4, Family 2 adults & 4 children £30.

SORRY NO DOGS ON THE SHOWGROUND, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ASSISTANCE DOGS

COMMUNITY

FOREST OF BERE WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION

We would like to introduce ourselves to you; we are the Forest of Bere Woodturners and were first formed in 1993 in Denmead then in 2004 moved to St John's in Fraser Road.

Then along came Covid in March 2020 and the club stopped meeting and have not met up for over 20 months.

Back in June 2021 the club was at a Wood Show over in East Dean where Reverend Max Cross visited and, after hearing about our plight, invited us to use the Gwatkin Hall as a temporary base which we gratefully accepted and our first meeting was held in November.

Then in February 2022 we were offered the venue as a permanent home which we willingly accepted. With the help of Alec Matthews storage was made available as needed for when we moved into the building in March.

We would like to thank Rev Max, Alec Matthews and Deb Vears for all their help in helping us get the club back up and running again.

If any of you are reading this and are interested in finding out more, why not come along on a Saturday morning, or our club meeting on a Tuesday night, to learn more about what we do.

Also, if the church runs a function and would like the club to participate, then please pass on the details to Don Smith on his email address (d.smith2@donaline2004.plus.com)

We meet on the Second Saturday of the month, 9.00am to 12.00 noon and club nights are held on the Second Tuesday of the month 7.00pm to 10.00pm.



The photo shows the type of objects that we turn and if you would like to know more about how they are turned then please come and join us either on a Saturday or a Tuesday.

Don Smith
on behalf of the club.

Wordsearch for May - A prayer for Ukraine

Lord, we pray for Ukraine, a nation in which 70% of the population call themselves Christian. You, Lord, make wars cease to the end of the earth; you break bows, shatter spears, and burn shields with fire [Psalm 46:9]. And so, we ask you now to save the lives of many people in Ukraine. De-escalate this crisis. We hear of wars and rumours of wars (Matt. 24:6), but you Lord are our rock, our fortress and our deliverer. Our hope is in you. And so we address the nations now. In the name of Jesus we say: "Be still and know God! He is exalted among the nations; He shall be exalted in the earth " [Psalm 46:10]. *Kyrie eleison – Lord have mercy.*



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| War | Save |
| Cease | many |
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| Break | Crisis |
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| Spears | Rock |
| Burn | Fortress |
| Shields | Deliverer |
| Hope | Be |
| In | Still |
| You | |

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Answers next month



YOUTH ACTIVITIES



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Thank you to everyone who supported our annual duck race. It was a “Quacking” event and great to see so many people attend to watch the race. The “Closed Banks” duck race of November 2020 where Becky and I threw in 15 random ducks and watched them go down the river on our own was not as exciting as this race

with its 845 yellow ducks and hundreds of spectators roaring the ducks to the finish line. The results of the race are on our website and there are photos on our Leader controlled Facebook page.

This afternoon I have finished sorting the thousand ducks in their storage pens (big boxes) for their hibernation till the next race.

It’s fundraising like this that helps us buy the equipment to give our young people the experience of camping. We finally managed our first Scout camp of the year. This was the Christmas camp that was first delayed by the pandemic and then by storms Dudley and Eunice closing the campsite. We were delighted to finally put the tents up.



There was a theme of axes! The adventurous activity was Tomahawk throwing which is axe throwing in a controlled environment. We then needed to chop wood for the campfire which they were cooking over open fires. They followed this up by getting extremely muddy on a walk. It seems it’s not just Peppa Pig that enjoys jumping in muddy puddles (I have been watching a fair bit of children’s TV of late).

The Beaver Scouts have been doing some art and craft including making cards and poems for Mothering Sunday. They followed this up with an active Bike or Scooter ride.

The Cub Scouts have been finishing their Bird box project, enjoying laser gun wide games and flipping frogs (origami ones I have been assured).

Till next month, keep active, keep looking after yourselves and each other.

Nigel Vosper

Group Administrator & Scout Troop Leader





Right: a group of Scouts relaxing by a camp fire.

Below: Following the Palm Sunday service, Cubs helped to decorate the cross at St Nicholas in the garden below the cross.

Below: a winner at the Duck Race.



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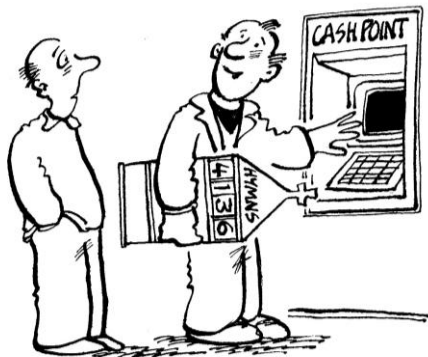
FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Saturday 21st May 7.30pm
Havant Chamber Orchestra
Beethoven, Brahms, Mendelssohn
 Holy Trinity Church, Fareham

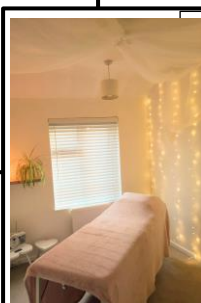
Saturday 4th June 7.30pm
Jubilee Proms by the Sea Concert
Solent Symphony Orchestra
 Portsmouth Cathedral

Saturday 11 June 2.00pm
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QUIET DAY MARCH 2022

On our quiet day, we were delighted to welcome Rev. Clive Williams who has led this event previously. We always know we are in for a delightful fun afternoon.

Having said this, I am going to share the challenges we were set with all of you. In a way, an easy option for me perhaps. The challenge was a quiz to answer how much we knew about some of the women in the bible. Ha ha, we think that sounds good. However, like all quizzes, the answers are on the tip of our tongue or tip of our brain, but not quite remembered. So here goes. How are you doing?

1. A Prophetess Israelite leader who chose Barak to defeat the Canaanites.
2. Philistine woman who tricked Samson into revealing the source of his strength.
3. Respected local needlewoman also known as Tabitha.
4. Barren wife of Zechariah who gave birth to John the Baptist.
5. Jewess chosen to replace Vashdi as King Xeres' Queen.
6. Heber the Kenite's wife who killed Israel's enemy Sisera by banging a tent peg through his head.
7. Wife of King Ahab who organised the death of Naboth to gain possession of his vineyard for her husband.

This is the first half of the quiz. Perhaps more next time when space permits. Answers can be found on page 2 of this magazine.

After all this brain searching, a much needed cup of tea was welcomed. Marie and Catherine ably manned the teapots and together with biscuits our energy was renewed. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday April 26th at 2pm, when Max will be coming to talk to us about his pilgrimage to Camino de Santiago. We are hoping Havant Trefoil Guild Members will be joining us but, of course, everyone is welcome. The meeting concluded with the Grace.

Marion Machell

Earlier in the month, Ann Partridge, our Branch Leader, and Catherine Langhorn, our Treasurer, attended The Mothers' Union Deanery service for Lady Day (The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary) at Blendworth Parish Church at 10.30.am. on Friday 25th March. The service was taken by the Rev. Vicki Morgan at which, Vicki was enrolled as a member of the Mothers' Union by our President Mrs Felicity Keeping. Refreshments were served after the service, which were enjoyed by all members of the Deanery.

A.P.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

MOTHERS' UNION MAY

*Wednesday 4th Holy Communion
9.30am at St Thomas*

Tuesday 24th

**Talk by Ian Newton, Chaplain
at Queen Aklexandra Hospital
St Nicholas Church 2.30pm**

All welcome

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**Thursday
12th May 2pm**

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**Thursday 19th May
7.30 pm
Annual General Meeting**

Competition: Bring a favourite childhood book

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BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Church Family

Auberon Cox



WEDDINGS

(No weddings this month)

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the families of those who have recently died.

Edward 'Ted' Fletcher



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 17th May: St Nick's Flicks

10 -12 June: Stansted Garden Show

18 June: Folks in Harmony Concert p.10

POSTPONED

Saturday 2nd July: Bedhampton Summer Show, Bidbury Mead

We are pleased to announce that work has now started on the planned refurbishments at St Nicholas.

JUNE 2022

Magazine



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Services for MAY 2022

SUNDAY 1st

(Easter 3)

On-line

www.bedhampton.tv

St Thomas 9.00 am

Morning Prayer

St Nicholas 10.30 am

Messy Church

St Thomas 6.00 pm

Compline

SUNDAY 8th

(Easter 4)

St Thomas 9.00 am

Holy Communion

St Nicholas 10.30 am

Morning Worship

SUNDAY 15th

(Easter 5)

St Thomas 9.00 am

Morning Worship

St Nicholas 10.30 am

Holy Communion

SUNDAY 22nd

(Easter 6: Mission Sunday - Christian Aid)

St Thomas 10.00 am

Shared Service

St Nicholas

No service

St Thomas 6.00 pm

Celtic Evening Prayer

THURSDAY 26th

(Ascension Day)

10am Online Holy Communion

SUNDAY 29th

(Sunday after Ascension Day)

St Thomas 9.00 am

Holy Communion

St Nicholas 10.30 am

Morning Worship

ON-LINE: All services are either streamed live or later
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MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

Wednesday 6th St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion. (M.U.)

Wednesday 13th St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion

Wednesday 20th St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion

Wednesday 27th St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion

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