

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

Sunday 22nd May 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Mission Sunday - Christian Aid

St Thomas' 10.00am Morning Prayer Psalm 67 12.00pm Baptism of Archie (All welcome) St Nicholas' Shared at St Thomas'

Collect

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

What's on

Wednesday 25th May

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

Friday 27th May

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.

Rector's Reflection

I never thought of myself as privileged! Raised in a working class family, living in a council home. My father was ill for much of my childhood and we lived on free school meals and hand-me-downs. Bullied and told I would amount to nothing. My background looked down upon.

I have always thought of myself as privileged! Raised in a loving family with a roof over my head. My father was healed of a collapsed lung and a bowel disease by the NHS. Food on my plate, and clothes to wear. Encouraged by parents that I could achieve what I put my mind to. Skin colour and gender never got in the way of that progress.

Yes, privilege is more than just perspective, but perspective brings us to the realisation that many people in the world, this country and indeed in Bedhampton do not have the same privileges we have. Jesus was pretty clear about the responsibilities of those of us who have much, those of us who are privileged.

'Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.' (Matthew 25:40, The Message)

Prayer

Street Prayer

Please pray for the residents of Tulip Gardens 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.

APCM

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting has been postponed.

Jubilee Picnic

If you are available on 4th June to help with the Jubilee picnic for 1/2 hour please contact the office or Sally

thetrittons2015@hotmail.com to volunteer. We especially need a first aider, and additional "Splat the Rector" victims-volunteers but would welcome any help.

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.

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.

Confirmation Course

We are planning a confirmation course. If anybody is interested please contact Max or Deb.

Cardboard tubes

Please save cardboard tubes and let Gill have them, ready for the Jubilee weekend.

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

Rule of Llfe

Go to 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. Next week: Sunday 29th May Seventh Sunday of Easter

St Thomas' 9.00am Holy Communion Acts 1: 1-8 Luke 24: 44-53 St Nicholas' 10.30am Morning Worship Acts 1: 1-8 Luke 24: 44-53

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