

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

Sunday 7th August 2022 8th Sunday after Trinity

St Thomas' 9.00am Morning Prayer Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16 Luke 12: 32-40 6.00pm Compline St Nicholas' 10.30am Café Church

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Curate's Comments

This week's gospel reading starts with Jesus saying: 'Do not be afraid.' The times that Jesus lived in were troubled with wars, famine, violence and illness. Much like today, people were worried about the times they lived in. Jesus did not want his followers to have all the fear and anxiety they were feeling, he was reassuring in his words to them. But it's still hard to shake off that worry that sometimes seems to loom over us. Someone counted (not me!) that the phrase 'Do not be afraid' is dispersed throughout the bible 365 times. So that is one for every day of the year. Can we try and remember every day of the year 'Do not be afraid'? Even in troubled times God is with us, walking alongside us with his devoted presence. May we always trust in God's loving care.

Prayer

Street Prayer

Please pray for the residents of Fraser Road this week.

Those requesting prayer:

Peter, Eileen Newman, Janice Stott, Amelia, Michael, Marjorie, Anne, Valerie and Eric, Clare, Richard, Malcolm, Mick, Margaret Harckham, Cliff Blofield, Kerry, Kirsty, Donna

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 10th August

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

Friday 12th August

10.30am 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.

News

Home Communion

If anybody knows somebody who would like Holy Communion being taken to them at home please speak to Jill.

God at the movies

Over the summer we are having our Café style services at our 10:30am gatherings at St Nicholas with themes based around God at the movies. What can we possibly learn from our films? Did you know Snow White is shown praying in her movie and "The Jungle Book" quotes John 15:13? Perhaps Jesus might even use movies to reach out to us! Similar themes will be explored at our Holy Communion and Morning Prayer 9am services at St Thomas'

Mission Sundays

If anybody would like to nominate a charity for our Mission Sundays please contact Roy. Roypayne1@hotmail.co.uk or by phone on 92475874

Alpha Course

Our Alpha course starts on 1st September. Alpha is 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. Contact the office for more information.

St Nicholas' coffee rota

If anybody can help with coffee after church at St Nicholas' please contact Steph 07814 957780

Street Angels

Could you adopt a street, or part of one? The only qualification is the ability to look out for others. Let us know if you spot someone who might need a hand. Let us know when someone moves into your street so they can be welcomed to Bedhampton. Contact the office with the name of the street you want to adopt. Details at bton.uk/angel

Walking Weekend

Max will be joining other men from the area on a walking weekend in Dartmoor Thursday 10th Nov to Sunday 13th Nov 2022. Staying at Stickwick Manor House, near Bovey Tracy, this has always been an excellent weekend. Due to rising costs the estimate for the weekend is £200. If you would like to come along, places will be on a first come first served basis so please contact Max or Dave Berry (da12berry@gmail.com) who will need a deposit of £150.

Confirmation Course

We are planning a confirmation course. If anybody is interested please contact Max or Deb. Next week: Sunday 14th August 2022 9th Sunday after Trinity

St Thomas' 9.00am Holy Communion Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2 Luke 12: 49-56 St Nicholas' 10.30am Café Church

Contact us

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Deb will be working from home on some days during August. Please phone or email before going into the office.