



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

Sunday 27th November 2022
Advent Sunday

St Thomas'
9.00am Holy Communion
Isaiah 2: 1-5
Matthew 24: 36-44
Service streamed at 5pm
www.bedhampton.church

St Nicholas'
10.30am Holy Communion
Isaiah 2: 1-5
Matthew 24: 36-44
Service streamed at 6pm
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Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
In our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Office Observations

Advent is a strange time of year. It isn't a big festival like Christmas or Easter, but neither is it a time of self-denial like Lent. Some people do not even notice that it is Advent and some won't even know what Advent is. For me it is the silly season, when there is so much going on with church, music, family and friends that I am pleased to get to Christmas day in one piece! However, it is very easy to get so wrapped up in preparing for Christmas that we almost miss Advent or think of it as just the warm up act for Christmas, when really it is a part of the church's year in its own right. Advent gives us a time to think. Yes, it is a time of anticipation and expectation and, yes, it is a time of preparation, but it is also a time to think about God, ourselves and our hopes for the future.

Prayer

Street Prayer

Please pray for the residents of Larchwood Avenue this week.

Those requesting prayer:

Peter, Michael, Marjorie, Anne, Valerie and Eric, Malcolm, Mick, Kerry, Kirsty, Donna, Andy, Joyce and family, Marilyn Browne, Bonnie, Celia Smees

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 30th November

8.00am Parish Prayer: Facebook or Zoom

9.30am Holy Communion: St Thomas' Church

Tea, coffee and biscuits available after the service

Thursday 1st December

9.00am Fun Club: St Nicholas' Church

10.00am Online Holy Communion: www.Bedhampton.tv or Facebook and available afterwards

Friday 2nd December

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.

St Thomas' Cleaning

We plan to re-start the cleaning at St Thomas'. We need six weekly teams for general cleaning and four fortnightly teams for brass cleaning. We still require two more general cleaning teams and one brass cleaning team. Teams can be one or more people, you will all be given a key and instructions.

If you could help with this pleasurable and rewarding task, please contact Alec Matthews at great_cloppo@yahoo.co.uk or on 07783 488424.

Frontline Opportunity

We want to encourage our schools and so we are asking, could you read with a school child at one of our local schools? If you could spare an hour or two a month speak to Max or email [Hello@Bedhampton.church](mailto>Hello@Bedhampton.church) for more details.

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

Hospitality Team

We are aiming to form a hospitality team. Our church community have amazing gifts in the making of cakes.. providing emergency meals.. catering for and helping at church socials and ministry events. With this in mind there will be lists in both churches where you can sign up to help. All help will be welcomed! If you would like any more information please contact Sally on 07981385155 or speak to Sandra, Christine or Elaine

Beacon Food Bank

The food bank are in need of:

- Tinned meals
- Tinned fruit & veg
- Tinned puddings
- Pot noodles/ Packet noodles/Rice
- Jams, spreads, coffee & sugar
- Shower gel & shampoo

Luncheon Club

The Elms Luncheon Club is held in the Waterloo Room of The Elms, 2 Lower Road, Bedhampton, PO9 2LH. Diners arrive at 12.15 for 12.30 each Thursday and enjoy a delicious and reasonably priced two course lunch. Contact trust.office@manortrst.org.uk 023 92484444 or margaret.stanger190@gmail.com or 023 92619152

Next week: Sunday 4th December 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

St Thomas'
9.00am Morning Prayer
Isaiah 11: 1-10
Matthew 3: 1-12
4.00pm Compline

St Nicholas'
10.30am Messy Church

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