



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

Sunday 4th December 2022
Second Sunday of Advent

St Thomas'
9.00am Morning Prayer
Isaiah 11: 1-10
Matthew 3: 1-12
Service streamed at 5pm
www.bedhampton.church
4.00pm Compline

St Nicholas'
10.30am Messy Church

Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

Rector's Reflection

In one of my Advent readings this week Tom Wright was reflecting upon the time Mary & Joseph lost Jesus and found him three days later at the temple. Tom asked the question, where, having become used to him, have we lost Jesus in our lives? As someone who was once referred to as a Jesus man by a visitor to our parish, it pulled me up a little short. It is so easy to become busy with the stuff of life and yes even the stuff of Church, that we miss the point of it all. So easy, and so dangerous even for Jesus men and women. If Advent is anything it is a time of reflection and preparation, a time to find Jesus once again. My friends, if I have a desire for any gift for you this Advent, it is that you would know the gift of Jesus again in your life. Don't let stuff get in the way.

Prayer

Street Prayer

Please pray for the residents of Lester 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

Tuesday 6th December

6.15pm Parish Carol Singing: Meet at St Nicholas' (and afterwards at St Nicholas' for soup and mince pies)

Wednesday 7th December

8.00am Parish Prayer: Facebook or Zoom

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

Thursday 8th December

9.00am Fun Club: St Nicholas' Church

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

Friday 9th 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.

Unfortunately this month's craft afternoon has been cancelled.

Bedhampton Scouts Christmas Card Post Box

The Bedhampton Scout Post Boxes will be in St Nicholas and St Thomas from Sunday 4th Dec to Sunday 11th Dec.

This is a free “good turn” service we do each year (when Pandemics allow) for the Elderly and Infirm.

Delivery is only within the Bedhampton Parish Boundary by Scout footsteps (it’s a long walk to Aberdeen!)

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

Holy Communion at St Thomas'

Perhaps you have completed one of the service survey papers at St Thomas' recently. We asked for input because we received requests from some of the congregation that they would like Holy Communion more often. It is clear from the results that there is a congregational preference to have an opportunity to receive Holy Communion weekly.

For this reason, from January, there will be a Holy Communion service at St Thomas' on the first, second and fourth Sundays.

Holy Communion will be at St Nicholas' on the third Sunday which means that it is possible to receive Holy Communion, in the parish, every Sunday.

The third Sunday at St Thomas' will not be Holy Communion, which will also allow for baptisms within the service to continue. The name 'Morning Prayer' has caused some confusion for visitors as it is a specific service which ours does not resemble so the service will be renamed 'Morning Praise' but the format we currently use will remain the same.

Thank you to all who have contributed to this process.

Next week: Sunday 11th December 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

St Thomas'
9.00am Holy Communion
Isaiah 35: 1-10
Matthew 11: 2-11
6.00pm Carol Service

St Nicholas'
10.30am Morning Worship
Isaiah 35: 1-10
Matthew 11: 2-11

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