



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

Sunday 11th December 2022
Third Sunday of Advent

St Thomas'
9.00am Holy Communion
Isaiah 35: 1-10
Matthew 11: 2-11
Service streamed at 5.00pm
www.bedhampton.church
6.00pm Carol Service

St Nicholas'
10.30am Morning Worship
Isaiah 35: 1-10
Matthew 11: 2-11
Service streamed at 6.00pm
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Collect

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rector's Reflection

A lifelong Pompey fan, my father had a Portsmouth flag on his coffin and the chimes played at his funeral. My three brothers never miss an opportunity to watch the team and the youngest is a sports reporter for the Portsmouth News. It's fair to say that growing up everything pointed towards Fratton Park and football. Approaching the celebration of Jesus' birth during the World Cup reminds me of how my focus has changed. A friend pointed me towards Jesus, and I decided to actually investigate who this babe in the manger was. What I discovered changed my focus and my world, all because someone took the time to point me towards Jesus. From Bukayo Saka to Lionel Messi it seems there are many players who also point towards Jesus as they compete in the World Cup. Who do we point towards?

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

Monday 12th December

6.00pm Pause & Pray: St Thomas' Church

Wednesday 14th December

8.00am Parish Prayer: Facebook or Zoom

9.30am Holy Communion: St Thomas' Church

Tea, coffee and biscuits available after the service

Thursday 15th December

9.00am Fun Club: St Nicholas' Church

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

Friday 16th 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.

Mission Sunday

On Sunday 18th December we shall be collecting money for the Rowans Hospice.

Parish Carol Singing

Led by 1st Bedhampton Cubs the carol singing made £170 for the Children's Society.

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 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

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

Raffle Prizes

If anybody can donate a raffle prize for our Christmas Quiz please take it into the office or bring on the evening.

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

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 18th December 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mission Sunday (Rowans Hospice)

St Thomas'
9.00am Morning Prayer
Isaiah 7: 10-16
Matthew 1: 18-25
4.00pm Celtic Prayer

St Nicholas'
10.30am Holy Communion
Isaiah 7: 10-16
Matthew 1: 18-25

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