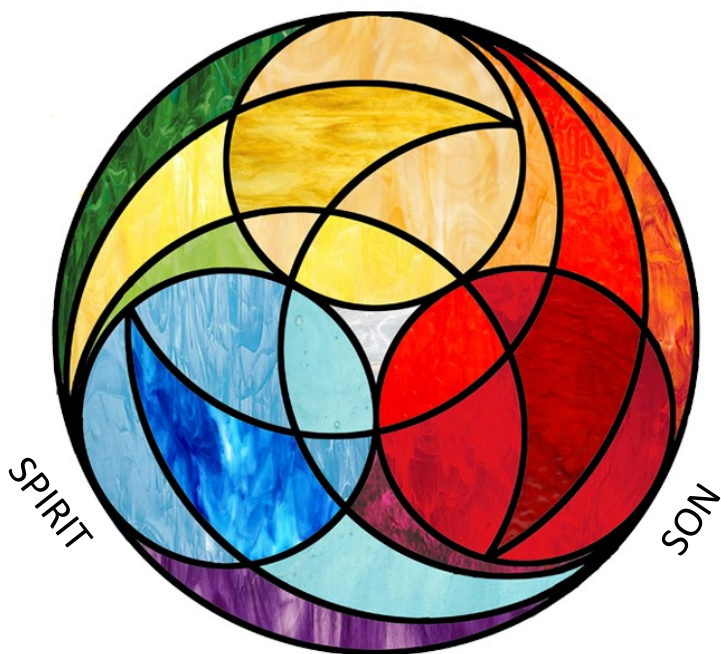


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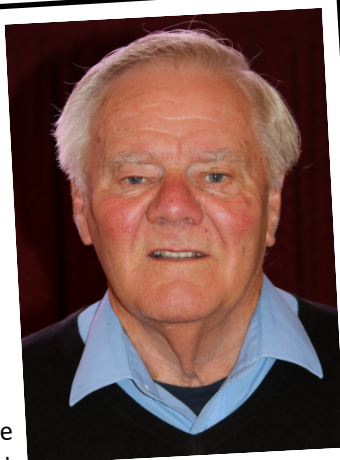
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Dear Friends,

The months have passed by since I became part of the Church Leadership Team, and, inevitably, the time for my contribution to the Parish Magazine has arrived.

Those of you reading this article, who know me, will be surprised, if not astonished, to learn this is not the first time my written ramblings have been thrust upon an unsuspecting public.

In the 1960's I was a member of a basketball team. After one of our matches our captain/ coach suggested it will be a good idea to provide a report to our local weekly newspaper (I expect we managed a victory on that evening). Needless to say there were no volunteers, and it was ultimately decided match reporting was a duty for the treasurer (me). The next evening I produced a handwritten report (no laptops in the 1960's), and on the following day posted the report through the letterbox of the Kentish Gazette. On the Friday of the next week I was surprised to read my unabridged and unedited report, albeit not on one of the prominent sports pages, but tucked away on a page reporting the Bar Billiards and Bat and Trap results and league tables. I continued to provide reports until I left the area, thinking at the time, I could now draw a line under my journalistic efforts.

Many decades later my earlier experiences have no bearing upon my capability to produce copy for page 1 of the Parish Magazine. Choosing a subject was not easy given the scope of the 66 Books of the Bible. However, my brain eventually managed to link my quest for a subject to our most recent Home Group meeting, when we came across a question in the Study Guide asking us to discuss God's Providence. I cannot, now, remember exactly what was discussed, but will do my best to explain.

In common usage (although not encountered often), my dictionary defines providence as the "foresight or care exercised by a person in the management of his affairs".

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PARISH NEWS

So what is God's Providence? The common usage definition does not differ significantly from a Biblical understanding. God oversees his creation, and has done so since the dawn of time. His greatest Providence is creation itself.

We have only to read the first chapter of the first book of the Bible, Genesis, to learn of God's bounteous Providence. Whilst Genesis, in common with some other books of the Bible, is considered to be allegorical, rather than factual, it can readily be interpreted as the valid creation story.

Genesis is thought to have been written between 1400 and 1500 BC. The authors did not possess the wealth of scientific knowledge we have today. They did not know the earth, moon and sun are placed in precisely the right positions for life to flourish on earth. Christian belief that God created the universe remains controversial, but there is no definitive answer to the questions How? Why? Who? What?

What about God's continuing foresight and care for his creation you may ask. You have only to read the Bible to find reference to numerous interventions by God in the lives of nations and people. In these days of global turmoil it is easy to forget that God remains in control.

Fast forward to the last Book of the Bible, Revelation, and you will see, Chapter 21, God promises a new heaven and a new earth. When this happens, How? Why? Who? What? will be irrelevant.

*Mike Tritton
Deputy Churchwarden*

International Day of Prayer for the Emergency Services

Each year, the Christian Police Association hosts an International Day of Prayer for the Emergency Services. This year it will be on **Thursday, 22nd June**.

The Christian Police Association asks: "Please join us in praying for our Emergency Service colleagues around the world, as they face a variety of challenges."

FAMILY NEWS

We send our good wishes to those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this month, including Peter Hirsch and Sheila Jones.



St Nick's Flicks

**Tuesday
20th June**

at St Nicholas' Church
A free film show with refreshments.
All welcome, no need to book.
Contact the office for film details.
office@bedhamptonparish.org.uk



Cover: The season of Trinity

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting [APCM] was held on Sunday 30th April 2023 at St Nicholas Church. Initially, the Vestry Meeting is held to elect the Church Wardens for the Parish and Ann Partridge and Tracy Smith were unanimously elected by the 40 attendees. The numbers standing on the Electoral Roll at year end was 118.

The meeting then went on to the APCM proper. The presentation of the annual accounts was given by Deb Vears, Treasurer, who commented that a large sum of money had been paid out on the new build in refurbishing the toilet area in St Nicholas Church Centre and she offered sincere thanks to all who had contributed to the fund raising efforts to enable the project to proceed without the need for any loans. Overall parish finances remain in a positive position which enabled us to donate a sum of £5,100 to other charities throughout the year.

The following were elected to the Parochial Church Council: Sandra Matthews, Jean Robins and Mike Turner, whilst Colin Hawkes and Nicky Quick were elected as our representatives on the Deanery Synod.

In his closing address Max highlighted that 2022 was the first year since the pandemic that the parish was able to meet fully in our church buildings once again and the year was one of stabilising and gathering together. One event which was held was the Big Bedhampton Picnic to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of the late Queen Elizabeth II which brought a much-needed community spirit to the Parish.

The priorities of the parish going forward are:

- God's love of prayer
- God's people in small groups
- God's people putting children and young families first
- God's people of invitation
- God's people of celebration

Max concluded by inviting members of the parish to participate in 'Thy Kingdom Come' between Ascension and Pentecost to pray and work together to fulfil God's wish for the Parish to grow in his love.

Marie Payne, PCC Secretary

PARISH NEWS

Beacon Food Bank contributions can be made at Asda, Tesco, and Waitrose, or in the black box at the Rectory in Bidbury Lane.

The food bank is most in need of:

Tinned meals Tinned puddings
Tinned fruit and veg
Pot noodles/Packet noodles Rice
Jams, spreads Coffee and sugar
Toiletries

Thank you for your support.

BEDHAMPTON CALENDAR

Why not take some local photos for a Bedhampton calendar.

Keep taking photos – they may be submitted for any year.



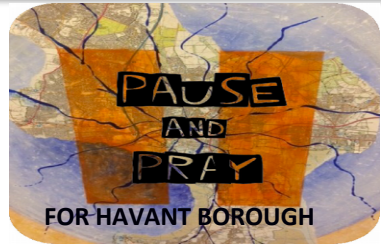
If you have any photos of local interest, please send them to the Parish Office, ideally by email; although prints can be accepted and will all be safely returned.

ORDINATION

Our Curate, Rev Jill Kingston, will be ordained priest in Portsmouth Cathedral on Saturday 24th June at 4pm. She will then be coming back to St. Nicholas Church for a celebration from 6pm.

Jill has now been with us for nearly a year, sharing in the work and life of the parish, and continuing her studies in preparation for her ordination as a priest. She has also given quite a few thought-provoking sermons on a variety of subjects.

If you would like to come to the Cathedral or to St Nicholas', please contact the Parish Office.



Pause And Pray

A time to pause and gather together to pray for our Borough for 1 hour.

5th June 6 - 7pm

at The Church of the Good Shepherd

All welcome!



Sunday 4th June at 10.30am

St Nicholas Church

All welcome





SHARING THE CORONATION TOGETHER



On Saturday 6th May, St Nicholas Church was set up with tables and chairs in front of a big screen ready for an audience to watch the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

In London, the weather was a bit damp but spirits were high along

the procession route, soaking in the atmosphere of the once in a lifetime occasion, whilst friends gathered in the comfort of the Church to watch the proceedings on the big screen.

A Prayer for the new King:

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King. Bless his reign and the life of our nation. Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Thy Kingdom Come For Prayer from Ascension Day 18th May to 28th May - Pentecost Sunday

Events have been held each day throughout the ten days of prayer starting with an evening service on Ascension Day and a joint service at St. Nicholas on Ascension Sunday morning. Meanwhile many gathered at St Thomas on the Saturday to take part in 'Beating the Bounds'.

Beating the Bounds is an ancient custom still observed in parts of England, Wales, and the New England region of the United States, which traditionally involved swatting local landmarks with branches to maintain a shared mental map of parish boundaries, usually every seven years. During the event, a group of prominent citizens from the community, which can be an English church parish, or other civil division, will walk the geographic boundaries of their locality for the purpose of maintaining the memory of the precise location of these boundaries. In former times when maps were rare, it was usual to make a formal perambulation of the parish boundaries on Ascension Day or during Rogation week. Knowledge of the limits of each parish needed to be handed down so that such matters as liability to contribute to the repair of the church or the right to be buried within the churchyard were not disputed.



The priest of the parish with the churchwardens and the parochial officials headed a crowd of boys who beat the parish boundary markers with green boughs, usually birch or willow. The object of taking boys along is supposed to ensure that witnesses to the boundaries should survive as long as possible.

Priests would pray for its protection in the forthcoming year, and often Psalms 103 and 104 were recited, and the priest would say such sentences as "Cursed is he who transgresseth the bounds or doles of his neighbour".^[9] Hymns would be sung, indeed a number of hymns are titled for their role, and many places in the English countryside bear names such as Gospel Oak testifying to their role in the beating of the bounds.

In England, the custom dates from Anglo-Saxon times, as it is mentioned in laws of Alfred the Great and Æthelstan. It is thought that it may have been derived from the Roman *Terminalia*, a festival celebrated on February 22 in honour of Terminus, the god of landmarks, to whom cakes and wine were offered while sports and dancing took place at the boundaries. Similar practices, of pagan origin, were brought by the Norsemen. Although modern surveying techniques make the ceremony obsolete, at least for its secular purpose, many English parishes carry out a regular beating of the bounds, as a way of strengthening the community and giving it a sense of place. Traditional beating the bounds customs have taken place in recent times in various parts of the country.

More on 'Beating the Bounds' on Wikipedia

Some of our walkers were understood to declare that they walked some parts of Bedhampton that they had never explored before. However, all enjoyed the walk on a warm sunny day.

Some readers may remember that the event has been marked here in the past.



Celebrating Fatherhood – celebrating male role models

This month we celebrate fathers on Father's Day. Unlike Mothering Sunday, this doesn't have a distinctly Christian origin. However, it does provide an opportunity to celebrate God's fatherhood and what it means for us.

'What is a Christian? - one who has God as Father.' (Read: J I Packer, *Knowing God*)

At His baptism, as Jesus came out of the water: *'heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.'* (Matthew 3:16,17). What can we learn about Jesus' relationship with His Father, the role of fathers and our relationship with God?

The Father's presence

When Jesus was baptized, the Father made His presence real by the Holy Spirit. It's the Spirit who enables us to call God *'daddy'* (abba, Galatians 4:6). God is with us and knows our joys and sorrows, fears and trials. In this way, dads can relate to their children.

The Father's love

The Father described His Son as *'beloved'*, who like us, is subject to His unconditional love. Dads should be constant in assuring their children of their love.

The Father's pleasure

The Father tells Jesus that He is *'well pleased'* with Him. We also need to hear this, if we feel that we are disappointing God or letting Him down. This can arise with harsh words spoken by our parents. Fathers should use every opportunity to demonstrate their pleasure in their children, especially when things go wrong.

Canon Paul Hardingham

Father's Day

Fans of the popular *Star Wars* films were surprised when Darth Vader said to Luke Skywalker "I am your father." This unexpected disclosure paved the way for future surprises in the episodes that followed.

Many times, Jesus surprised His hearers with parables that had unexpected twists and turns. No doubt He astonished the disciples when He first called God 'Father' and went on to instruct them to pray saying "Our Father in heaven...". No one had called God 'Father' before!

Shortly before His arrest, trial and crucifixion, Jesus talked to His disciples about God the Father. He said: "In my Father's house are many rooms." This prompted Philip to ask: "Show us the Father, that is all we need." Jesus replied: "Whoever has seen Me *has* seen the Father."

Jesus knew this concept would be hard to grasp and so had to frequently speak about God as His Father. For three years the disciples had listened to profound teaching and witnessed miracles. They knew Jesus was different, but as His ministry drew to a close they were learning more about the special relationship that God had with Jesus.

On 18th June it will be Father's Day. This is an occasion to remember the role our dads are playing now or have played in our lives. Hopefully, we have good memories and recall times of loving care they showed to us.

Unfortunately, some people do not know their fathers, or they have been absent for long periods or may be neglectful, deceitful, or abusive. Sadly, some children and adults would rather not remember their fathers, having suffered some trauma or family breakdown.

It is good to know that God is not like this. Jesus came to reveal God as our Heavenly Father, who is loving, compassionate, merciful, forgiving, and caring. God is the model father who knows what is good for us and wants the best for us.

So, Father's Day can be a reminder that we are God's children, and that we can possess the blessings He has kept for us. In the story of our lives God has revealed Himself in a surprising way. He says to each one of us 'I am your Father'. Now that is something to celebrate!

29th June is St Peter's Day

Peter

(Matthew 26:71-75, John 21:15-18)

I don't know the man.

I don't know Him.

I don't know Him.

But I did.

From the moment I turned to Him,

That day by the Sea,

I knew Him,

Knew He was the Lord.

I so wanted to serve Him,

Speak for Him,

Follow Him,

Fish for Him

Live and give my life for Him

No matter what.

He is the Lord

And I let Him down

Again and again and again.

I go on letting Him down.

But Jesus,

Who knows the best and worst of me,

Who knows how I rush in and blurt out,

Mix and mess things,

Fail and fall asleep,

Who feels the agony of the denied one,

Understands the agony of the one who denies.

He is the Lord

And He forgives

Again and again and again.

He goes on forgiving.

Feed my lambs,

Take care of my sheep

Feed my sheep.

*by Daphne
Kitching*



Bedhampton Summer Show
Saturday 1st July 2023
From 2pm until 5 pm on Bidbury Mead

Arena Events

Cart Rides

Raffle

Refreshments

Bouncy Castle

Bottle Stall

Tombolas

Jewellery and
Accessories

Face Painting

Bric-a-Brac

Teas

Miscellaneous
Stalls

We will be looking for –

Volunteers to help with the running of stalls,
setting up in the morning and clearing up at the end of the day
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THE GARDEN SHOW

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9 - 11 June 2022

10am – 5pm (last entry 4pm)

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The Garden Show is back and ‘Set To Bloom’. Twenty nine years ago the first garden show at Stansted Park in Hampshire was created as a forum for the smaller family run businesses and to showcase the work of talented artisans particularly those who couldn’t afford the larger, more commercial shows. Gardening was visibly becoming more fashionable and accessible as people realised that you didn’t have to be that knowledgeable to make your garden look great and there was a thirst for good design, plants and garden products. The first show consisted of about 30 enthusiastic stands and an art exhibition. The show has grown and expanded since then and turned into the perfect place to find all you need to make your garden grow and refresh your home and yourselves. The Garden Show has become a moveable feast and has been held at various locations in the south and will continue to thrive as it travels its own unique garden path at other venues.

It's a great opportunity to explore what's on the doorstep; source new talent, designers and artisans. Browse affordable and handpicked companies showcasing the latest specialist plants, garden and home accessories, art design, sculpture, fashion, gifts and then treat your taste buds to tempting foods and wines.

Pick up top tips from horticultural experts to solve those frustrating problems – as ever the specialist plants people will bring their knowledge and brilliant advice. On Saturday, the show is joined by **Dr Ian Bedford, entomologist, with The Pest Clinic** to help solve any bug issues in as friendly a way as possible. **Ben Cross** from Crosslands Flower Nursery will also be back on Sunday to extol, in his usual energetic way, on the ‘British Cut Flower Industry’ ... **‘British Flowers Rock’!**

The Show’s chosen charity is CancerWise – www.cancerwise.org.uk -, aspiring to be an enabling, compassionate community for people with cancer and those who care for them. Based in Chichester, offering support and information to anyone who is concerned about cancer. Through counselling, complementary therapies or emotional care, providing support to the mind, body, spirit and emotional health of people through and beyond cancer. They will be holding **‘A Giant Tombola’, prizes donated by the Garden Show Exhibitors**, along with some **fete fun guessing games**. **Ray Hunt**, with his unique flamboyant flair, **has created his annual ‘Whacky Garden** in support of **CancerWise**.

It's not all about gardening with ongoing demonstrations including willow weaving, forging along with traditional chairs, broom, trug and fence making plus the Studio Shop artisans demonstrating and sharing their expertise on jewellery design, water colour painting, photography, weaving, felt making, woodwork and pottery along with so much more. Plus the opportunity to join in one of the Blacksmith Workshops!

There is plenty to engage your children and indeed the whole family: watch the children play in the beautiful parklands, ride on the toddler fun fair with Carousel Amusements, watch Huxley Birds of Prey soar through the skies, learn circus skills with **Craze Haze** and enjoy the daily **Punch and Judy shows**.

The show has adapted over the years and continues to adapt whilst holding onto the original concept – an opportunity to source an innovative range of items for the house, garden and oneself. As always there will be a plethora of stands bursting with quality and stylish wares. A chance to rejuvenate your home and make you and your life feel much better.

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Scouting News - Spring 1st Bedhampton Scouts

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It's the first bank holiday in May as I write this article. The nice(ish) weather of Spring and Summer is now greeting us, and I have just spent a good chunk of time organising an exciting programme for the term that includes rafting, kayaking, shooting and archery, if we can fit everything in.

We are also planning our Scout Summer Camp to spend part of the time on Brownsea Island. This was where the founder of the Scout Movement (Robert Baden-Powell) used for an experimental camp in 1907 which led to the creation of Scouting. The Scouts will be travelling lightweight for this part of the Expedition and will need to carry their tents the length of the Island. This "back to basics" camping open to all is something Baden-Powell would have approved of.

In April, we held our St George's Day Celebrations at Staunton Park. St George is the Patron Saint of Scouting as well as England. Despite some "challenging weather", every-one had a good time with the activities, and we renewed our promise to "Do our best".



A bus ride treat for some on a recent trip.



Our Beaver Scouts getting ready to make their Promise on St George's Day at Staunton Park

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

We are only a couple of weeks into the new term due to Easter but already the Beavers have explored healthy food and the Cubs have run a “wide game” (game played over a wide area). At Scouts, we held an Open evening involving three different activities (two of which involved food !). The five guests we had were pleased with what we do as two have joined already and the other three are expected up from Cubs.

Unfortunately, our Beaver Scout Leadership team is still in crisis mode due to leaders having babies, helping elderly relatives and not being able to help every week. If anyone knows anybody who could be able to help, please contact me or another of the leaders in the Scout Group.

Nigel Vosper: Scout Group Leader

PS It is so good to hear about all that is achieved in the organisations for young people, both the Scouting and Girlguiding movements, mostly activities which are not found in schools. But these organisations cannot continue without more volunteers. Please do get in touch if you are able to offer some time. -Ed.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

A Midsummer Night's Dream Norwich Puppet Theatre

Saturday 10 June 11am and 2.30pm

Havant Arts Centre. **£5.** Families from age 6

LUNCHTIME LIVE! 1.10pm

Thursdays at Portsmouth Cathedral

Portsmouth Choral Union – ‘Life’s Journey’
& Castle Primary School Choir

The Traveller – Alec Roth; St Nicolas - Britten

Saturday 24th June, 7.30pm.

St Mary’s Church, Portsea.

Saturday 1st July, 7.30pm

Chantry Quire presents

Songs of Love and Devotion

at Champs Hill, Pulborough, RH20 1LY

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Summer Concert

Beethoven 5th Symphony,

Bruckner, Saint-Saens

Thursday 15th June 7.30pm

Petersfield Festival Hall

St Richards Singers

Monday 26th June

Farewell Concert

Boxgrove Priory, nr. Chichester

Havant Symphony Orchestra

Saturday 8th July, 7.30pm

Theme: Summer ‘Last Night’

Oaklands School, Waterlooville,

Tickets: £15, £5, Kids for a Quid.

Solent Male Voice Choir

With Kidderminster Valentines

Friday 14th July, 7.30pm St George’s

Church, St George’s Square,

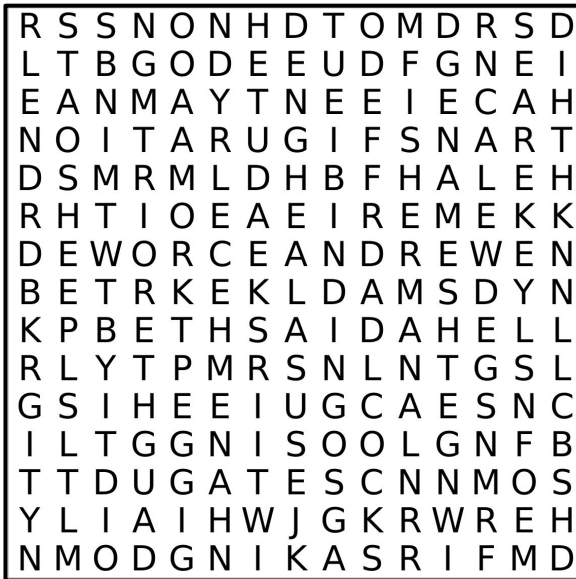
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Wordsearch – Peter the Rock

Each June, the Church of England holds its Petertide ordinations, to coincide with the feast day of the great apostle Peter, who led the Church at Pentecost. Simon had been a fisherman from Bethsaida, near the Sea of Galilee, when his brother Andrew introduced him to Jesus. When Simon made his famous confession of faith, that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus gave him a new name – Cephas, or Peter, which means rock. The ‘gates of hell’ would never prevail against Jesus’ Church, and He gave Peter the power of ‘binding and loosing’, and also the ‘the keys of the kingdom of heaven’. Peter witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and Jesus praying in Gethsemane. Peter betrayed Jesus but after the Resurrection, Jesus entrusted him to feed both the lambs and the sheep of Christ’s flock.

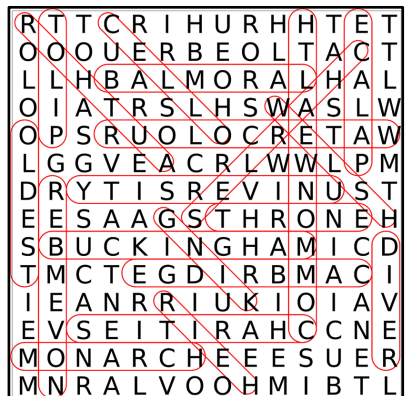
Peter was the first apostle to work a miracle.

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| Simon | Daughter |
| Peter | Garden |
| Fisherman | Gethsemane |
| Bethsaida | Betrayed |
| Galilee | Cock |
| Andrew | Crowed |
| Jesus | Feed |
| Rock | My |
| Transfiguration | Lambs |
| Raising | Sheep |
| Keys | Hell |
| Kingdom | Binding |
| Gates | Loosing |



Answers next month

MAY SOLUTION



Ground

Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft.

Today, it's called golf.



COMMUNITY

BEDHAMPTON VOLUNTEERS

The Volunteers continue with tidying and planting in several areas, removing weeds and brambles, and planting numerous donated plants. They are very grateful for these and nothing will be wasted. They have received offers of help with watering in these newly planted beds, whilst we enjoy the fine and warm weather.

The hanging baskets are on their way from the nursery and will be adorning the roads very soon. Once again, the watering rota will be set up and running, hoping that there is not a repeat of last year when sadly some baskets were lost due to some extended hot weather. So if you are willing to help and join the rota, please do get in touch; contact the Parish office if in doubt.

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SPRING ACTIVITIES

On Tuesday 25 April we held our usual branch meeting and spent the afternoon competing in a musicals quiz. The name of the musical was hidden in a cryptic clue in each question and thankfully we were in teams which meant we could help each other to find the answer! This resulted in quite a lot of laughter and much enjoyment. We then moved on to a beetle drive which is always enjoyed by all, again with a lot of laughter, and ended the afternoon with refreshments and a chat finishing with the usual Grace. We meet on the fourth Tuesday in the month and have quite a varied programme this year.

If anyone would like to join us, please contact me on 023 9247 5874 for details.

Marie Payne, Branch Secretary

Note: It is hoped to rearrange the talk on Bee Keeping later in the year.

All in the month of JUNE - NOTABLE ANNIVERSARIES

400 years ago, on 19th June 1623, Blaise Pascal was born. This French mathematician, physicist, inventor, theologian, and philosopher invented one of the first mechanical calculators.

125 years ago, on 9th June 1898, Britain leased Hong Kong from China for 99 years, and it became a British Crown Colony. It was transferred back to China in 1997.

75 years ago, on 21st June 1948, the ship HMT Empire Windrush docked in London, bringing the first large group of immigrants from the West Indies to the UK.

70 years ago, on 32nd June 1953, the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II at Westminster Abbey took place. It was the first event where the British TV audience (20 million) was greater than the radio audience (12 million).

65 years ago, on 9th June 1958, London's Gatwick Airport was officially opened.

50 years ago, on 28th June 1973, elections were held for the Northern Ireland Assembly. It began operating on 1st January 1974, but collapsed in May.

30 years ago, on 19th June 1993, Sir William Golding, British Novelist and winner of the 1983 Nobel Prize in Literature, died. Best known for his novel 'The Lord of the Flies'.

25 years ago, on 11th June 1998, the UN declared an official famine in Sudan. About 250,000 people were saved by international aid, but up to 100,000 died in South Sudan. A ceasefire in the Second Sudanese Civil War was signed on 15th July but collapsed in April 1999.

20 years ago, on 20th June 2003, the Wikimedia Foundation was founded in Florida. The non-profit charitable organisation operates several websites, including Wikipedia.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



MOTHERS' UNION JUNE

Wednesday 7th Holy Communion

9.30am at St Thomas

Tuesday 24th 2 pm

The Annual Service

St Thomas Church

Followed by Tea in the Rectory Garden

All welcome

The Arts
Society
Portsmouth



Frida Kahlo
& Diego Rivera

The Golden Age of Mexican Art

Speaker: Chloe Sayer

Thursday 8th June, 2pm

at the Spring Arts Centre, Havant



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Saturday 3rd June: 10 -12.30pm

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Tuesday 20th June: St Nick's Flicks 1.45pm -
4pm at St Nicholas

Saturday 1st July: Bedhampton Summer Show
Bidbury Mead, 2pm.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the families of
those who have recently died



FATHERS DAY – Sunday 18th June

We give thanks for all Fathers,
those who are with us and all those
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Services for JUNE 2023

SUNDAY 4th

St Thomas 9.00 am
St Nicholas 10.30 am
St Thomas 6.00 pm
On-line service 5.00pm

(Trinity Sunday)

Holy Communion
Messy Church
Compline
(St Thomas)

SUNDAY 11th

St Thomas 9.00 am
St Nicholas 10.30 am
On-line service 5.00pm
On-line service 6.00pm

(Pentecost 2, Music Sunday)

Morning Praise
Morning Worship
(St Nicholas)
(St Thomas)

SUNDAY 18th

St Thomas 9.00 am
St Nicholas 10.30 am
St Thomas 6.00 pm
On-line service 6.00pm

(Pentecost 3, Fathers' Day)

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Celtic Evening Prayer
(St Nicholas)

SUNDAY 25th

St Thomas 9.00 am
St Nicholas 10.30 am
On-line service 5.00pm
On-line service 6.00pm

(Pentecost 4, Ordination)

Holy Communion
Morning Worship
(St Thomas)
(St Nicholas)

ON-LINE: Where an on-line service mentions a church,
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please do not go to the church building.

MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

Wednesday 7th St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion (M.U.)
Wednesday 14th St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion
Wednesday 21st St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion
Wednesday 28th St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion

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