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Faith and Prayer

Have you ever been lost or felt lost?

I have, and was, recently when driving through Portsmouth; a city I've known for most of my life.

It was a Friday afternoon at around 4pm, on one of the very hot days that we've been having. I was travelling home from a meeting in Old Portsmouth and the traffic was beginning to build up at the top of the High Street. Cleverly (I thought) I would avoid it by turning towards Fratton, but the roads were all getting very busy now and I, who thought I knew most of the city roads, took the wrong turning at Fratton Bridge, and ended up driving in three lanes of solid cars and vans heading somewhere towards the back of All Saint's Church and Commercial Road ---

I was lost, travelling slowly and unsure of which lane to be in: the sun was bright, the trees on the edge of the road were in full leaf and beautiful, but I was lost. Then, another lane of traffic moved in slowly from the right, forcing me to drive inwards; the car behind me sounded his horn. You can picture it! I felt trapped, and could almost have stopped there, in the middle of the road. I wonder if anyone ever has done?



But then, a little further on, someone else was obviously in the wrong lane too and a horn was sounded at them. At this point I felt, that although the worry was still there I was sharing this journey with others on the road and the answer was to keep moving forward.

Our Christian teaching shows us that when we feel lost and don't know the way to where we are going, we need to trust in our loving God. continued

PARISH NEWS

We are all journeying on different routes. But, you know, with God's help we will reach home.

David Adam, a Vicar and a writer of many Celtic books and prayers, reminds us of this:

Alone with none but thee, my God,

I journey on my way:

What need I fear when Thou art near,

O King of night and day?

More safe I am within Thy hand,

Than if a host did round me stand.

Adam, D 2015 The Awesome Journey Life's Pilgrimage p. 22

Havant Passion Play

Rehearsals are under way for this year's play to be held in Staunton Country Park. The play with a difference this time will be performed in the evenings of Tuesday 15th to Friday 18th August when audiences will be taken around the park.

Daytime performances will be held on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th August when the audiences will be seated.

More information from the Parish Office.

More details in the August magazine.

FAMILY NEWS

We send our good wishes to those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this month.

We also congratulate our Curate Rev.Jill Kingston on becoming a fully ordained priest. More news in the August magazine.

Cover: Rev Jill Kingston with the Bishop on the occasion of her ordination in Portsmouth Cathedral. Photo: Max Cross Sandra Matthews
Deputy Churchwarden

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

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.

Special Collection Sunday 23rd July



Chaos Support is an independent organisation

based in Hampshire that supports individuals with a learning disability to achieve their goals in a variety of ways.

Chaos Support is a day service based in Havant which opened in 2013 with the goal to help young adults with a learning disability or additional needs. The main goal is to help the young adults learn independence, employment and life skills.

The Chaos staff team works hard with the people we support, other professionals, families and supporters to develop a comprehensive understanding of each individual's needs. People using our service can be assured that whatever support they need, whether it is complex health care, support with communication or behavioural needs, personal care, developing independence, or any other, their needs will be met.

Our short-stay respite unit is based in a self-contained flat in Havant. It boasts four uniquely-decorated bedrooms, accessible toilet and shower facilities and its own kitchen and lounge room. The length of each stay is based on need and how each individual sees their stay.

Chaos Support are recruiting for a number of roles and are looking for committed and enthusiastic people who would be interested in joining the team.



Pause And Pray

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

Monday 10th July, 6 - 7pm at The Beacon, Meridian Centre.

All welcome!



Sunday 2nd July, 10.30am St Nicholas Church All welcome

MISSION NEWS

NEWS FROM KAMPALA

It is our first week back in Kampala after being in the UK for 6 weeks. We had planned for 4 weeks but things came up and we felt it was important to have a moment of rest as a family before coming back. We had a wonderful time in the UK but it was FULL. I am sure that doesn't surprise you all, but it really was planned with a relaxed vibe but ended up hectic! We slept in 15 different beds whilst we were away so the last week of camping was very much needed. Our time in the UK consisted of time with the extended Muttons, time with the extended Maclays, Chloe's sister's wedding,

Lee Abbey retreat (which was more full on than expected!), visiting friends. Sam running a

marathon, meeting friends' new babies, speaking at a few Churches, some work meetings and A LOT of driving! Very thankful for being able to borrow a large car from Chloe's parents whilst in the UK. Zara-Grace was very quick to notice that our car back in Kampala was small compared to Grandpa's!! We were very thankful that the sun was shining when we were in the UK so we could enjoy all the outdoors and playing on the beaches! It was so good for our souls and something we miss so much living in Kampala.

Being back in the UK was precious to reconnect with people but was also a reality check for us that our children are learning to live in-between two totally different worlds and cultures. Zara-Grace loved spending time with people and LOVED all the new experiences, including eating all the satsumas possible! However, she was very keen to go back home and see her friends, her dog and get back to seeing people in the community. Zara-Grace and Arabella have settled back into life very quickly; we just need to work on them sleeping slightly better!!

We have taken a little longer to settle. Chloe had quickly forgotten about the reality of sitting in traffic for an hour and a half to drive 12km to see a friend on her day off, and that was just one way! Prices continue to increase, so food shopping was a shock to the system at the market and the heat and pollution hits you every time you come back! The first week back always feels a bit strange, Kampala is home, but we also don't belong in the same way we belong in the UK. However, in the UK we also feel like strangers in a culture we feel so familiar with. Anyway, just a short reflection for you of our time in the UK and how it feels to live between both Uganda and the UK.

Cycling:

Sam has enjoyed project managing from a distance. Sometimes the Bike Park can feel like you are a firefighter and just dealing with issues every day, so having some time out and allocating jobs before travelling to the UK was really helpful. The new team are great and they are good at communicating and keeping Sam up to date every day.

The next few weeks involve getting ready for a team building a playpark at the Bike Park which is incredible. They fundraised for it and are going to make it happen, such an answer to prayer and great steps at the Bike Park.

In other exciting news, two of the young people Sam has been involved with training with the Masaka Cycling Club have been selected to ride in the Junior World Championships in Glasgow in August. We were not sure if they would be selected or visas granted.

Therefore Sam has been asked to go and support them in Glasgow. As we have just been to the UK, we haven't budgeted for Sam to visit again so we are inviting people to sponsor him for flights and transport if they are interested.

Community news:

Chloe was able to rest whilst away. The Musizi Joy Team are wonderful and had everything under control, but the biggest stress is again financial. We are praying for funding to cover

staff salaries and employing the team. We have been able to run the sandals training programme and a small tailoring project, successful but time consuming.

Community BBQs continue to be a joy with different communities hosting each month, a highlight for many. We have a lady who has volunteered to run Zumbini Lessons (Mum and Toddler Zumba) which has been a fun activity. It has been great to facilitate but such a new idea to so many mothers and children about selfcare and play and encouraging people to use transport money to come again isn't easy.

Please pray for all these activities, the teams running them and for our fundraising.

Thank you so much for all your love, prayers, support and encouragement.

Sam and Chloe, Zara-Grace and Annabella

Right: Phoebe and Luke who married in May.



MISSION NEWS

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Neville and Nicky have just come back from a McCabe organised tour of the Holy Land. We're writing this now to encourage other people to go too as it was an amazing experience! And, next year, Max and Peter are hoping to lead a group from Bedhampton.



The group we went with was mainly from Norfolk but we soon got to know everyone as they were all very friendly. Each group is allocated a clergyman and also a professional local guide; our guide was brilliant and his knowledge of the bible was encyclopaedic. The first part of the 10-day tour was spent around Jerusalem. In fact, our hotel was just across the road from the Crusader era walls of the Old City. We went to all the places you'd expect like the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Via Dolarosa and the Western Wall which were all a short walk away. Then to Bethlehem, the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane. There is so much history in that area, religious, archaeological and political that actually you can't see everything.

There was full day out to the south visiting the hilltop fortress of Masada followed by a float in the Dead Sea which was a lot of fun! I say 'a float' because your body is so buoyant in the salty water that it is impossible to swim.



For the second half of the tour, we were based in Tiberias right on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. We were able to swim in the lake and also had a boat trip on it. One of the most moving events was taking Holy Communion on the lakeshore with the gentle waves lapping in front of us.

MISSION NEWS

On the way to Tiberias we stopped at the Jordan baptism site where we renewed our baptismal vows. It was an amazing place as there were hundreds of people there having whole-body immersions. We visited Nazareth and Jericho, Lazarus' tomb, Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum and so many other places that it is impossible to list them all here.

Even on the last day, on the way to the airport, we spent a few hours in the ruined city of Caesaria which had been built by Herod the Great. We even managed a quick paddle in the Mediterranean!

Overall, the pilgrimage was utterly brilliant: spiritually and historically. Going to the places we all know from the bible was incredible. Also, the hotels were very good and the food was fantastic!

Neville & Nicky Quick



A prayer for July

Loving Father,

July brings long days and summer pleasures, for many, but not for all. Lord, we pray for those who are finding life to be a struggle; for families with no hope of a holiday this year; for parents who don't know how they will feed their children during the upcoming long school break; for those who are lonely, or discouraged, or isolated, or afraid.

Lord, we pray for justice and compassion from those in positions of power and responsibility. And please Lord, show *us* how to help, how to be part of the solution. May we, as your children, reflect your loving kindness wherever we can. May your Kingdom come on earth, through us.

In Jesus' name, Amen

By Daphne Kitching

PARISH NEWS

3rd July: St Thomas the Apostle, confused and doubting

Thomas, one of Jesus' 12 apostles, was an impulsive, confused, honest sceptic. Jesus could understand and work with such a man. Thomas' impulsiveness was evident when Jesus prepared to visit Lazarus in Bethany. It was a dangerous trip to make, because of the Jews, but Thomas urged his fellow disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with Him." (John 11:16) Instead, Jesus brought Lazarus back to life.

Thomas' confusion is shown in later talks with Jesus. He was not really sure where Jesus was going long-term (John 14:5). But Jesus accepted this confused commitment, and began to untangle it, patiently explaining: "I am going to my Father", and "No one comes unto the Father but by me."

Finally, Thomas' honest scepticism is revealed after the Resurrection, which he flatly refused to believe - unless he could touch the wounds of the risen Jesus. Sure enough, Jesus appears - but instead of scolding him, shows him the wounds. Thomas responds: "My Lord and my God" (John 20 v.26). And so he became the first person to explicitly acknowledge the divinity of Jesus.

Thus, Doubting Thomas' honest doubts, turned to honest faith, have become a reassurance for thousands of men and women across the centuries who also want to follow Jesus, but who require some proof of this amazing event - the Resurrection. In Doubting Thomas' complete affirmation of faith, after meeting the risen, crucified Christ, they can find support for their own faith.

Ancient legends tell how Thomas went on to India as a missionary. There are rumours that Thomas even built a palace for a king's daughter in India, and thus he is the patron saint of architects. It is believed that he was martyred by a spear on 3rd July, 72AD in Mylapore, near Madras. 46 ancient churches in England were dedicated to him.

On Sunday 2nd July

We will be commemorating St Thomas at our morning service with hymns and music. Thomas is the patron saint of judges and architects because of his alleged building work in India.

Our church here in Bedhampton was built in 1086 with two medieval yew trees. The yew tree has been associated with death and the journey of the soul, or thought to be holy and believed to ward off evil spirits.

St Nick's Flicks

returns in September

at St Nicholas' Church

A free film show with refreshments.
Film shows are taking a break for the summer and will return in the Autumn.
All welcome, no need to book.
Contact the office for film details.
office@bedhamptonparish.org.uk

COMMUNITY NEWS

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 1st July, 7.30pm Chantry Quire presents Songs of Love and Devotion

at Champs Hill, Pulborough, RH20 1LY
Music by Schubert, Brahms, Vaughan Williams,
Britten, George Shearing & Paterson

Tickets <u>www.chantryquire.org.uk</u> includes garden entry. Bring a picnic 5pm. Contact Eventbrite or Carol Frogley.

BACK IN TIME

Havant Symphony Orchestra Saturday 8th July, 7.30pm

Theme: Summer 'Last Night'
Oaklands School, Waterlooville,

Tickets: £15, £5, Kids for a Quid.

Saturday 8th July, 7.30pm Renaissance Choir **'Byrd Song'** *Church of the Holy Spirit, Southsea*

Solent Male Voice Choir **Friday 14th July**, 7.30pm St George's Church, St George's Sq. Portsmouth PO1 3AT

400 years ago, on 4th July 1623 William Byrd, an English Renaissance composer, died. Regarded as one of the greatest British composers, and best known for his sacred music. Born into a musical and quite wealthy London merchant family, he became a pupil of Thomas Tallis at the Chapel Royal. Byrd became a Roman Catholic in the 1570s, when it was dangerous to do so, but he was so admired by the music-loving Queen Elizabeth that she gave him protection. Even so, he was still fined heavily for refusal to attend Anglican services. His music has received a resurgence of enthusiasm in the past century. Byrd did compose sacred music for Anglican services – two of his pieces were used in the Coronation service this year.

175 years ago, on 7th July 1848, Waterloo railway station in London opened.

150 years ago, on 19th July 1873, British-born Australian explorer William Gosse discovered Ayers Rock and named it in honour of Sir Henry Ayers, the Chief Secretary of South Australia. It is now known as Uluru/Ayers Rock.

75 years ago, on 5th July 1948, the National Health Service (NHS) began operating. 20 years ago, on 27th July 2003, a team from the BBC reported that the Loch Ness monster did not exist.

In June, we have been remembering all those who arrived on the HMT Empire Windrush in June 1948. On TV, we have also been learning of the experiences of some of those people and their families since their arrival. Some have been welcomed whilst others have had less pleasant experiences. These people had been living and working in the UK for decades but had never been provided with the official paperwork, and the Home Office had kept no record of those granted leave to remain. It was calculated that more than 80 had been wrongly deported. The UK Government apologised, and the Home Secretary at the time described the department's performance as "appalling". Let us remember all those who still feel unwelcome.





CUB & SCOUT CAR WASH

The Cubs and Scouts are running a car wash to raise money for the Scout Group and their Summer Camp Activities

Sunday 9th July

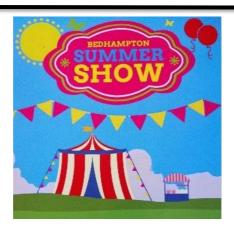
11:30am to 2.30pm

St Nicholas Church Hall Belmont Grove PO9 3PU

£5 for outside, £5 for inside

No specialist cleaning products such as upholstery spray will be used for the cleaning.

Just Fairy Liquid, Hoovers and Scouting elbow grease.



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

Arena Events Bouncy Castle Face Painting
Cart Rides Bottle Stall Bric-a-Brac
Raffle Tombolas Teas

Refreshments Jewellery and Accessories Stalls

Volunteers would still be welcome to help with the running of stalls, setting up in the morning and clearing up at the end of the day.

Donations for the following stalls – Toys, Bric-a-Brac Accessories (costume jewellery, handbags, etc), unwanted gifts. We also welcome contributions for the Bakery Stall (cakes, sausage rolls, pies etc)

If you can help in any way contact Chris Miller 023 9248 1361 Or bring items on the day.

Wordsearch - St Thomas - 3rd July

On 3rd July the Church remembers St Thomas, also called Doubting Thomas, because he would not believe his fellow disciples' news of the Resurrection. But 'doubt' did not mean that Thomas did not love Jesus! Only a few weeks before, Thomas had urged his fellow disciples to follow Jesus to see Lazarus in Bethany, despite danger from the Jews. "Let us also go, that we may die with him." (John 11:16) Instead, Jesus had brought Lazarus back to life. Thomas was sometimes very confused about just where Jesus was headed. But in John 14:5 Jesus untangled his confused commitment: "I am going to my Father", and "No one comes unto the Father but by me." Finally, after the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to Thomas, showing him the wounds of His crucifixion. Thomas was electrified, and his response immediate: "My Lord and my God" (John 20.26ff). Thus, Doubting Thomas'

honest doubts, turned to honest faith, have become a reassurance for thousands of people down the centuries.

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JUNE SOLUTION



Answers next month





Scouting News 1st Bedhampton Scouts

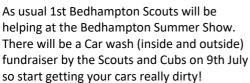
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The Beavers have been very busy with coronation craft and some beautiful crowns were made. We have also been on a mini beast hunt which they all loved! An evening of bicycles only resulted in one small plastic cone collision. Both rider and cone survived with no damage. As the term continues we look forward to our sports day, archery evening, water fun and a visit to Pets at Home. Summer Camp is in July at Lyons Copse. Sadly, we said goodbye to Castor (Mel) as she goes off on a year of maternity leave. We wish her all the best and look forward to welcoming her back next year. This now leaves us critically short of leaders so if you think you would like to get involved please get in touch

During May, the Scouts have been learning survival and navigation skills. This culminated with the Scouts all being dropped blindfolded on the Downs and asked to walk to a destination. The good news is that all 18 made it safely to their destination. Excellent navigation skills!



Coming up in the next few weeks is Fraser's cooking competition, rafting and litter pick or possibly helping the Bedhampton Volunteers.



Scout Camp is in August so we look forward to a glorious summer!

Karen Fairley

Nigel Vosper: Scout Group Leader



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

A to Z of 4th Bedhampton Guides.....

Art - outdoor painting masterpieces!

Brass cleaning at St. Thomas'

Crazy girls at the coronation! Camping and campfires, clowning about!

Definitely better than ice-cream!

Éveryone welcome, Earth Day

Friendship and food

Games, games and more games

Hayley, Hannah, Ruth and Jane - Guiders leading the way

International Women's Day, individuality, independent

Keeping the Guiding spirit alive, Kindness, kinship, King and country

Lots of laughs

Making memories, messy

New experiences

Outdoor fun



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4th Bedhampton Guides Bedhampton District





YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Proud to be a 4th Guide in Girlguiding, positivity, Promise

Quiet Guides - never!

Remembrance parade, resilience

Sponsored walk on 24th June, street party, summer camp, skipping, safe space, supportive parents

Tea from teapots, toast and teamwork

Up for a challenge

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World Thinking Day

X-citing meetings
each week
Yes, yes, yes!
Zoom







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BEDHAMPTON VOLUNTEERS

Time has been spent planting summer bedding, planters and beds by local shops, whilst the hanging baskets have been put up and are looking very colourful. All this of course relies on regular watering and the Volunteers are very grateful to all those who are helping with this in the current hot weather.











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QUIET TIME

Some of the MU ladies who met for our Wave of Prayer at 10.00.m. on Friday 16th June. Several of our members were unable to attend for health reasons, being away and/or accidents!



Ann Partridge Branch Leader

Aggie Weston's is a Christian Charity that supports the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines, the Royal Fleet Auxiliary and their families through the provision of Pastoral Workers in military bases and establishments around the country.

They are looking to recruit several people to join teams based in the Portsmouth area. The roles call for people with a Christian vocation with the ability to work in the military community. Recent vacancies may have already been filled, but more may arise in the near future.

More details on the website: www.aggies.org.uk/vacancies

COMMUNITY EVENTS



MOTHERS' UNION

JULY

Wednesday 5th Holy Communion 9.30am at St Thomas

Tuesday 25th Branch Meeting

2 - 4pm

St Nicholas Church

The Arts Society Portsdown



The Mary Rose
Speaker: Eleanor Schofield

Thursday 13th July, 2pm at the Spring Arts Centre, Havant



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E veryone welcome



BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Church Family Sophia Peter



WEDDINGS

We wish every happiness for the future to those recently married

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

We send congratulations and good wishes Alun & Iris Pilgrim

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the families of those who have recently died

Alan Monk

Dates for your diary

Saturday 1st July, 2.00pm Bedhampton Summer Show, Bidbury Mead Saturday 22nd July. Folks in Harmony Concert **Summer Sensation**, 7.30pm St Wilfred's Church, Padnell Lane, Cowplain

AUGUST 2023

Magazine

For information about advertising and the 'Magazine by mail' service, contact the Parish Office (see below)

We warmly welcome advertisers to our magazine but the Parish does not accept responsibility for the quality of work carried out.

All material for the next issue should be sent to the Parish Office, St Nicholas Church, Belmont Grove, Bedhampton, PO9 3PU by 10 am on **Wednesday 5th July**

10 am on **Wednesday 5th July** Office@Bedhampton.church

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Services for JULY 2023

SUNDAY 2nd (Fourth Sunday after Trinity)

St Thomas

St Thomas 9.00 am Holy Communion
St Nicholas 10.30 am Messy Church
St Thomas 6.00 pm Compline
On-line service 5.00pm (St Thomas)

SUNDAY 9th (Fifth Sunday after Trinity)

St Thomas 9.00 am Holy Communion
St Nicholas 10.30 am Morning Worship
On-line service 5.00 pm (St Nicholas)
On-line service 6.00 pm (St Thomas)

SUNDAY 16th (Sixth Sunday after Trinity)

St Thomas9.00 amMorning PraiseSt Nicholas10.30amHoly CommunionSt Thomas6.00 pmCeltic Evening Prayer

On-line service 6.00 pm (St Nicholas)

SUNDAY 23rd (Mission Sunday: Chaos)

St Thomas 9.00 am Holy Communion St Nicholas 10.30 am No Service - shared

On-line service 5.00pm (St Thomas)

SUNDAY 30th

St Thomas 9.00 am Holy Communion St Nicholas 10.30 am Morning Worship

ON-LINE: Where an on-line service mentions a church, at www.Bedhampton.tv and Facebook

please do not go to the church building.

MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

Wednesday 5th St Thomas 9.30 am Holy Communion (M.U.)

Wednesday 12thSt Thomas9.30 am Holy CommunionWednesday 19thSt Thomas9.30 am Holy CommunionWednesday 26thSt Thomas9.30 am Holy Communion

ON-LINE Holy Communion Services: Thursdays at 10 am

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