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Dear Friends,



What a great time we had at The Bedhampton Summer
Show. The show has been at the heart of our community for what seems like forever.
For decades everyone has known that the first Saturday of July means a jaunt down to Bidbury Mead for an afternoon of fun.

It's an event whose impact transcends one Saturday in July and resonates through the year. Visiting people, I often hear how they have been going to the show ever since they were kids and now they take their children or grandchildren. Those youngsters now ride the same rides us oldies once rode. When I wander around the show, I am greeted by those I have seen during the year and those I see at the local schools, whilst I watch the joy of others bumping into old friends. The show seems to sum up everything that is good and positive about England.

It is organised by a small dedicated group of local, community minded heroes. They spend months collecting, organising, inviting and completing endless forms so that we can create memories that will last generations. You probably didn't even notice them on the day, but they are the ones who were up at dawn and will collapse later that evening into their chairs. They are the ones who will maybe take a few weeks' break before it all starts again for next year.

They are not alone in being volunteers in our communities, but they are a great example. Since that dreaded pandemic happened, volunteering in our community has taken a big hit. There is now even more expectation of fewer people who all do it for the love to begin with. Perhaps over the summer, we should seek out those who freely work in and for our communities to thank them. A box of chocs, a card or simply a shake of the hand and a warm smile of gratitude, or you might even consider joining them. There are so many ways we can all serve our community, and what's more English than community?

Max Cross Rector



A Café Church, pastry and popcorn Breakfast exploring the movies. Suitable for all ages.

10.30am Sunday August 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. St Nicholas Church, Belmont Grove.

As in past summer months, a more relaxed style of worship will take place to find God's message in films at the St Nicholas Sunday morning gatherings.

All welcome.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 10.30am at St Nicholas



**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.

#### **FAMILY NEWS**

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



We also congratulate our Curate Rev. Jill Kingston on becoming a fully ordained priest.

Cover: Bedhampton Summer Show 2023

#### 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.



#### **PLAY POSTPONED**

We at Havant Passion Play are extremely grateful for the grant Churches Together made towards our production planned for August 15th to 20th in Staunton Country Park. It has enabled us to make large strides forward in our preparations in terms of workshops, script, etc.

Unfortunately, the actor we were expecting to engage for the lead role has had to withdraw. Given the short time frame we had, it has not been possible to identify an appropriate replacement despite thorough and extensive attempts to do so.

At our Board meeting on 30th June we therefore agreed to postpone our production to Easter Eve of 2024 to give us time to identify the right actor for the role. We are also intending, subject to the appropriate permissions, to move our venue from Staunton Country Park, 2 miles out of Havant, to the pedestrian area of central Havant. This gives us new and exciting opportunities, not just to perform to an audience but to interact with passers-by and shoppers and bring the stories of Jesus to life in our workaday world.

We hope that you are content with the way we are proceeding, but we wanted to let you know that the circumstances of our production are changing but that your grant continues to be employed to the ends you expected.

We are disappointed to have to delay the production, but we are also inspired at the new doors which God appears to be opening for us and the new opportunities we believe He will enable us to achieve.

## International Bat Night: 26th-27th August

There are 18 species of bat in the UK and make up almost a quarter of ALL our mammal species.

Bat Night brings together bat groups and the Bat Conservation Trust, to provide opportunities for bat walks and talks at dusk in local neighbourhoods across the UK.

At least 14 species of bat have been recorded in the Havant area, including Pipistrelle and Bechstein's bat.

All bat species are legally protected.

www.hampshirebatgroup.org.uk

www.bats.org.uk/support-bats/international-batnight



## **Pause And Pray**

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

Monday 14th August, 6 - 7pm

## at United Reformed Church

North Street, Havant, led by Beacon Church Havant. All welcome!

#### **CURATES ORDAINED**

Having spent a year taking part in services and in the regular work of the Parish, our curate, Rev Jill Kingston joined others at Portsmouth Cathedral at the end of June to be ordained as full priest. This means that she can now administer Holy Communion and lead Baptisms, funeral and wedding services.

A number of people from Bedhampton joined the congregation in the Cathedral, along with many others from the parishes throughout the diocese.



Hymns were sung, and special music composed by Bob Chilcott, was sung by the choir accompanied by the organ and a small jazz ensemble; prayers were said and then Bishop Jonathan Frost laid hands on each Curate to confirm them as full priests. They were supported by their Vicars or Rectors and other clergy.

The newly ordained priests were then led to the main altar where they took



part in their first Holy Communion. Each received the vessels for Holy Communion.

Amongst those taking part in the service was our own Polly Honeychurch who is herself in the middle of her studies to become a priest. She carried one of the candles.

After the service, photos were taken on the green outside the Cathedral.

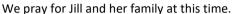




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On returning to Bedhampton, at St Nicholas there was a gathering to celebrate the occasion and welcome Jill with her family. There was a delicious tea and a celebration cake.

As we go to print, it has just been announced that Jill will be leaving us in early 2024 to be licensed to the parishes of Leigh Park and Warren Park. This will give her the widest breadth of experience and tradition with an eye to her future ministry.







#### **BIDBURY MEAD NEWS**

Some of you may have noticed that Havant Borough Council (HBC) has started work on the much delayed replacement of the outworn play equipment at Bidbury Mead. Unfortunately, the contractors have discovered some poor ground conditions that could mean that the remodelling works will not be completed in time for the school holidays.

Southern Water (SW) have submitted a planning application (Havant Borough Council (HBC) file reference APP/23/00004) for two boreholes that will



provide monitoring opportunities of ground conditions prior to the construction of tunneling to the Portsmouth Water Company (PWC) Havant Thicket Reservoir from a Water Treatment Plant in the Broadmarsh area. Temporary Compounds will be needed initially to install the equipment and much smaller compounds retained during the 18 month monitoring exercise. One borehole will be close to the site of the Keats bench and the other close to the access from the car park to the grounds. Afterwards the ground will be fully reinstated. At the time of writing, the application will be considered by HBC on 20th July.

Specific representations have been made to HBC to minimise the impact on Bidbury Mead using both their planning and land ownership powers. Timing of any significant works should not conflict with activities such as the Summer Show, and the Keats Bench will be safely stored off site and restored on completion. Considerable wider concerns have been generated regarding these investigations forming part of a SW & PWC combined initiative that, in order to prevent too much extraction from the protected chalk stream rivers Test and Itchen, will involve partially treated water pumped to and stored in the Reservoir until drought conditions require further treatment to make it fit for consumption to allow it to be added to the drinking water supply. This combined strategy is not yet the subject of a planning application.

Discussions are currently taking place between Bidbury Mead Friends (BMF) and PWC regarding the potential to increase the biodiversity of Bidbury Mead. PWC grants may provide replacement semi-mature native trees to replace recent losses and under planting and rewilding along Bidbury Lane. This will complement the works already started by PWC at Donkey Meadow involving hedge maintenance and rewilding the land close to Mill Lane. BMF will hope to secure more funds to carry on this type of enhancement elsewhere at Bidbury Mead. Anyone interested in getting involved in this, please contact Ron Tate (T. 023 9247 5375).

#### FLYING SCOTSMAN CENTENARY

Many will be aware that the steam locomotive, the Flying Scotsman is celebrating its 100 years by touring the country with special trips for fans and admirers.



Well done to those who took photographs when it visited the Portsmouth area in June. Its route took it into Portsmouth via the bridge at Farlington where many had a good view from the Hilsea lines. The train was not scheduled to come any nearer our area but did travel through Bedhampton to Havant Station. (Photo above)



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Havant Symphony Orchestra

Saturday 16th September, 7.30pm

Popular Classics
Hayling Island Community Centre,
with Pianist Thomas Luke.



## SCOUTS HELP TO PREPARE FOR SHOW

Scouts and Leaders were up and about and busy on the morning of the show. There was much to organise from tables and chairs, tents and gazebos, not to mention their own stall equipment.

Cooking seems to be one of the important skills that the Scouts develop, from

organising menus using unlabelled tins of food onscout nights, preparing food when away on camp, and cooking at the Summer Show. Well done to all of them, not forgetting their leaders and volunteers.

The Scouts were also involved in tidying away at the end of the event.

Photos: The Scout Group



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## FAMILY FUN AT BEDHAMPTON SUMMER SHOW

On a warm summer's day, hundreds came along to the annual show to enjoy a variety of stalls, sideshows and arena events.

As in past years, a Teddy Bears' Picnic started at 1pm with a prize awarded to the best dressed teddy.

Opened by the Mayor of Havant, Cllr. Rosie Raines, arena events included Juggling Jake, a children's entertainer back by popular demand, and the ever popular colourful Aziza Dancers who perform to Egyptian music. Throughout the afternoon there was a variety of novelty races, egg and spoon, a sack race, a three legged race and finishing with the favourite Tug of War.

Raffle Prizes were drawn and other competition results revealed.

Five year old Amelia Tyler won the prize for the best dressed teddy, whilst the Berry family were amongst those enjoying the picnic.

Photos: Alex Shute









The Major, Cllr Rosie Raines opened the Show at 2pm before the stalls opened and arena events began. The local police were in attendance to meet the people.

Many thanks to Chris and Steve Miller and their team for all their hard work in the organisation and preparation for the Show. Thanks are also due to all the stall holders and everyone else who helped in any way. Thanks go to our local police officers who came to interact with the community. But most of all thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed the afternoon.





# BUSY GIRLGUIDES RUN STALL

Having run an afternoon tea event at St Nicholas at the end of June, members of the Girlguides were also at the Summer Show running a very popular tombola stall.







## Wordsearch - The Transfiguration - August 23

In August the church calendar commemorates the Transfiguration. The story is told in Matthew (17:1-9), Mark (9:1-9) and Luke (9:28-36). Jesus took Peter, James and John, his closest disciples, up a high mountain. It may have been Mount Tabor, or else one of the three spurs of Mount Hermon.

Suddenly, Jesus is transfigured. His face shone, his garments became white and dazzling. Elijah and Moses appeared, and a bright cloud overshadowed the disciples. A voice spoke out of the cloud, saying that Jesus was His beloved son, whom the disciple should 'hear'.

Then, just as suddenly, it is all over. What did it mean? Moses represented the Law, and Elijah the Prophets of the Old Covenant. But now the Law and the Prophets have found their fulfilment in Jesus, the Messiah. The written Word and the spoken Word have handed over to the Living Word.

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Cloud Transfiguration Transformed Jesus White Mountain Tabor Dazzling Elijah Hermon high Moses Dwelling Shine Mankind Face Written Law **Prophets** Living Fear Peter glory **James** 

JULY SOLUTION

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## St Nick's Flicks

will start again in **September**at St Nicholas' Church



Answers next month

#### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**



#### **Summertime Activities**

It has been a very busy month for the Scout group.

Camping plans are being finalised and The Beavers are camping in a couple of weeks as I write this.

The Beavers have also visited Pets at Home to learn about the animals there and how to look after them. They have enjoyed some Archery at the District Hut and they also helped with the Cubs clearing tables at the summer show

The Cubs learned about cycle maintenance and have enjoyed a cycle ride through Staunton Park. They have



made Shelters with some very localised rainstorms and cleared the Rector's stream in a huge rainstorm. When the forecast said rain between 6.00pm and 8.00pm we didn't expect a torrential downpour of biblical proportions (but perhaps we should have). The Cubs were fascinated to see how quickly the water in the stream rose and watched from the safety of the bank till the water subsided though it was still over all their welly boots.







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### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

The Scouts have also got wet having great fun rafting and kayaking on Emsworth Mill Pond. They have practised their Archery skills in the District Hut and their cooking skills where, for some unknown reason, all the tins had no labels. Fortunately, they had been grouped into sweet and savoury, but it did cause some rapid rejigging of their menus.

There have been no reports of how the food tasted!

Lastly all the Leaders are very

proud of all the hard work the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts did for the summer show, their behaviour was exemplary.

Well done to all of you.

Judy Colwell (Akela)







For a church school exam, young children were asked questions about the Bible;

- In the first book of the Bible, Guinness, God got tired of creating the world, so He took the Sabbath off.
- 2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark and the animals came on in pears.

#### **BACK IN TIME**

400 years ago, on 6th August 1623 Anne Hathaway, wife of William Shakespeare, died.

125 years ago, on 23rd August 1898, the British Antarctic Expedition set off from London and became the first to spend winter on the Antarctic mainland and cross the Ross Ice Shelf. They returned to London in June 1900.

75 years ago, on 23rd August 1948, World Council of Churches was founded in Amsterdam.

65 years ago, on 26th August 1958, Ralph Vaughan Williams, British composer, died.

65 years ago, on 29th August 1958, Cliff Richard's first single Move It was released.

15 years ago, on 1st & 2nd August 2008, the K2 Disaster took place. 11 mountaineers died.







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#### God's Garden

Plant three rows of peas:

Peas of mind Peas of heart Peas of soul

Plant three rows of squash: Squash gossip

Squash grumbling Squash selfishness

Plant three rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful Lettuce be obedient Lettuce love one another

Plant three rows of turnips: Turnip for services

Turnip for meetings

Turnip to help one another

Plant three rows of thyme:

Thyme for God

Thyme for Bible study Thyme for prayer.

Finally -

Water freely with patience, Cultivate with love,

And remember – you will only reap what you sow!



### **MOTHERS' UNION**



#### **SUMMER**

On 27th June the Mothers Union held their Annual Service at St Thomas, led by Rev. Jill Kingston.

The theme of the service was love and how the work of the MU reflects this in its many different forms. We were joined by several members from other branches of the deanery and diocese, including Sheila King and Felicity Keeping, Diocesan President.

A collection was taken for the Chaos charity which helps disabled and special need adults in the community. We then all retired to the Rectory garden for afternoon tea, joined by Revd. Max Cross, and it was lovely to be able to sit outside with the sun shining, and particularly memorable as Jill had only been ordained a few days before.

Our thanks go to Suzy and Max for allowing us to hold the tea in the garden and for the use of the kitchen.

> Marie Payne Branch Secretary







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### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**



## MOTHERS' UNION **AUGUST**

Wednesday 2nd Holy Communion 9.30am at St Thomas

Summer meal out

New programme in September We meet on the 4th Tuesday afternoon each month at St Nicholas.

Contact Marie Payne: 07929 776687

The Arts Society

Next lecture in October

Portsdown

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Thursday 12th October, 2pm at the Spring Arts Centre, Havant



#### **FUN CLUB**

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#### **BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the Church Family Aria Venn Heidi Chandler



#### **Dates for your diary**

Saturday 5th August, 1 - 4pm: The Manor Trust Summer Fair at The Elms. Music, refreshments, home-made cakes, Plants, books, tombola, fashion, raffle.

Friday 8th September: Abba by the Lake, only a few tickets left.



### **WEDDINGS**

We wish every happiness for the future to those recently married

Charlotte Leach & Jack Diprose



### SEPTEMBER 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 Friday 4th August Office@Bedhampton.church

#### **REST IN PEACE**

We pray for the families of those who have recently died

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#### **Services for AUGUST 2023**

#### SUNDAY 6th ( Ninth Sunday after Trinity)

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

#### SUNDAY 13th (Tenth Sunday after Trinity)

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

#### SUNDAY 20th (Eleventh Sunday after Trinity)

St Thomas 9.00 am Morning Praise St Nicholas 10.30am Café Church

St Thomas 6.00 pm Celtic Evening Prayer

#### SUNDAY 27th (Twelfth Sunday after Trinity)

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

**ON-LINE:** Where an on-line service mentions a church, at <a href="www.Bedhampton.tv">www.Bedhampton.tv</a> and Facebook please do not go to the church building.

NB There will be no on-line services from St Nicholas this month.

#### MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

Wednesday 2ndSt Thomas9.30 am Holy Communion (M.U.)Wednesday 9thSt Thomas9.30 am Holy CommunionWednesday 16thSt Thomas9.30 am Holy CommunionWednesday 23rdSt Thomas9.30 am Holy CommunionWednesday 30thSt Thomas9.30 am Holy Communion

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