



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

Sunday 24th September 2023
Harvest Festival - Mission Sunday

St Thomas'
10.00am Harvest Festival
Holy Communion

2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

Luke 12: 13-30

Streamed at 5pm

www.bedhampton.church

St Nicholas'
Shared at St Thomas'

Collect

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rector's Reflection

Last week Rev Jill reminded us that Father God wants to be in a relationship and community with us. This is why The Bible depicts God walking in the garden looking for his people and then goes on to be a story of God continually seeking to build community with us his children. When a community works well it is a place where all are appreciated, supported, encouraged, and a place where those with more seek to support those with less. It's a reflection of the God who is creator and has infinitely more providing for all of us. This weekend as a continuation of that circular story of giving and gratefulness we come together once again in our Harvest Festival to show our gratitude in giving to those who have less. Let me encourage you to be extravagant in your gratitude offering as you bring your food and monetary gifts for the Food Bank to our festival this weekend.

Prayer

Prayer Pointers

1. Children, young people and families
2. Business: Asda & employees
3. The residents of St Christopher's Road
4. Community: Food banks
5. Ukraine

Those requesting prayer

Richard, Malcolm, Chris Davis, Margaret Botomley,
Judith Clemo, Alan Newman, Phil

We pray for the families and friends of those who have died and of those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

What's on

Wednesday 27th September

9.30am Holy Communion: St Thomas' Church

All are welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits available after the service

Thursday 28th September

9.00am Fun Club: St Nicholas' Church

Friday 29th September

10.30am Coffee & Cake: St Nicholas' Church small hall

Next week: Sunday 1st October 2023

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

St Thomas'

9.00am Holy Communion

Ephesians 2: 1-10

Luke 18: 9-14

6.00pm Compline

St Nicholas'

10.30am Messy Church

Quiz Time!

Get those thinking caps on, the Bedhampton Big Quiz is back! Saturday 7th October, 7pm at St Nicholas'. Tickets £5. Please book in with Deb in the parish office if you would like to come along.

Beacon Foodbank

Any money and food donations given at our Harvest Festival service will be given to the Beacon Food Bank.

They are in need of:

Coffee, tea, sugar (500g)

Cereals

Soup

Tinned meat and tuna

Tinned Vegetables or Fruit

Baked beans

Custard and rice puddings

Bottles of Squash

Cooking Sauces

Jam or Marmalade

Meals in a tin

Carer needed

Could you care for a 5 year old boy with special needs and challenging behaviour?

3:30-6:30pm Thursday afternoons, term time.

Employed through direct payments £15 per hour based in Old Bedhampton.

Additional hours available.

Please contact Rosemary on 07814409870.

Farewell & Thank you

Thank you for taking us so readily into the Bedhampton Church Family. We have had six happy years with you and made many friends.

Thank you also for your prayers and generous gift as we move on. We shall miss you.

Love & blessings from Gill & Rog

Mothers' Union Meeting

Tuesday 26th September, 2.00pm St Nicholas'.

Rev Jill will be talking to us about the sign language.

All welcome.

Hungry Men?

Southern Men's Breakfast

Saturday 7th October,

Hart Plain Church. Let Max know if you would like to join him and he can pass numbers along. The Southern Men's Breakfast always happens on the first Saturday in the month and starts with tea and coffee from 8.45am, with breakfast at 9am.

Threads through Creation

Now - 15th October, Portsmouth Cathedral 'Threads through Creation' is a bible-based textile art exhibition.

See more at www.creation-threads.co.uk and

www.portsmouthcathedral.org.uk

Free admission.

Children's Advocate

Children's work is very important to us here in Bedhampton. We have a small team doing children's work but are looking for a Children's Advocate, to coordinate, help and support them. This isn't necessarily a front line working with the children role, but rather someone who has a heart and vision to see our children grow in Jesus. Please speak to Max if you feel called to this ministry or for more information.

Prayer Is Vital

Our Wednesday morning prayer is at 8am every week in the meeting room at St Nicholas. We meet to pray for half an hour that God might use us in Bedhampton. I encourage you to join us, but if the time does not work for you, go to [facebook.com/BedhamptonNews](https://www.facebook.com/BedhamptonNews) and join us on Facebook. Whatever you do please do pray for God's mission in Bedhampton and to help with that we are adding "Prayer Pointers" each week to this sheet.

The Bible Is Key

The Bible is one major way that God communicates with us. To aid us to better understand the Bible in context and its impact on our lives we have a new sermon series over the autumn. The Bible Series introduces the overarching story of the Bible. Each week touches on key themes and relates them to universal human needs. You can find out more at <https://bedhampton.church/bible> where you will also find details of the book behind the series, which is an easy to read text by Bible Society's Andrew Ollerton. I encourage you to consider reading it.

Contact us

Parish Office

Deb Vears

Usual hours

Mon-Fri 9.30-12.30

Hello@Bedhampton.church

023 9248 3013

Church Leader

Rev Max Cross

Usual day off: Saturday

Max@Bedhampton.church

023 9245 0955

Assistant Curate

Rev Jill Kingston

Usual day off: Friday

Jill@Bedhampton.church

023 9279 0844