



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

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

Collect

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Office Observations

At a training session this week we were talking about mission and declining numbers within the Anglican church. Society is changing but we still need to reach people and encourage them in their faith. So how do we do this? We can repeat those things which have worked in the past but too much looking back could lead us to calcify, just like Lot's wife, who turned into a pillar of salt. We can change things dramatically but we then run the risk of barking up the wrong tree completely. So what do we do? How do we reach people and tell them God's good news? We look to God to find out how we, ourselves, develop as Christians and how we can rise to the missional challenge so that we can leave a growing legacy to those who come after us.

Prayer

Prayer Pointers

1. Children, young people and families
2. Business: The self-employed
3. The residents of St John's Road
4. Community: The Manor Trust
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 4th October

8.00am Parish Prayer: Kidszone at St Nicholas', Facebook or Zoom

9.30am Holy Communion: St Francis' Church, Leigh Park

All are welcome. *No service at St Thomas'*

Thursday 5th October

9.00am Fun Club: St Nicholas' Church

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

Friday 6th October

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

Saturday 7th October

7pm Bedhampton Big Quiz: St Nicholas' Church. All welcome.

Next week: Sunday 8th October 2023

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

St Thomas'
9.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas'
10.30am Morning Worship

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 possible but you're welcome to just turn up on the night.

Beacon Foodbank

Can you help the foodbank? We need people who are able to deliver our foodbank collections to the Beacon church on some Monday mornings (not weekly). For more information please speak to Alec.

The food bank are in need of:
Coffee, tea, sugar, squash
Cereals, jam, marmalade
Soup, baked beans
Tinned meat, fish, fruit & vegetables
Custard, rice pudding
Cooking Sauces

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.

Operation Christmas Child

If you would like to support this, leaflets and some flat pack boxes are now in church. Please can completed boxes be delivered to church by Sunday 12th

November. If you need a collection call

Kim 07906263895

You can also be part of the appeal by donating in different ways go to Samaritans Purse web site for ideas

Thank you

St Francis' Patronal Festival

St Francis', Leigh Park will be celebrating their patronal festival on Wednesday 4th October. All are welcome to attend the Holy Communion service at 9.30am.

New Wine Celebration

Sunday 1st October, Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn. Sung worship begins at 6.30pm. Richard Hutchins, vicar of Catherington and Clanfield will share with us.

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.

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