



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

Sunday 8th October 2023
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

St Thomas'
9.00am Holy Communion
John 8: 31-47

St Nicholas'
10.30am Morning Praise
John 8: 31-47

Collect

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rector's Reflection

Whilst freedom is a human right there are very few people who find true freedom and peace. Perhaps that's because we are looking for freedom in all the wrong places. You won't be surprised for me to say that freedom is not found in work, wealth, other people or any other of a number of poor substitutes for the source of real freedom. However when we find that freedom in Jesus it comes with a responsibility to live out the purpose of receiving true freedom in loving God and loving others. Not everyone understands that with rights do come responsibilities, but we as apprentices to Jesus surely must be different.

Prayer

Prayer Pointers

1. Children, young people and families
2. Those who are mourning
3. The residents of St Michael's Road
4. Community: Bedhampton Community Volunteers
5. Ukraine

Those requesting prayer

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

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 11th October

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

9.30am Holy Communion: St Thomas' Church

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

Thursday 12th October

9.00am Fun Club: St Nicholas' Church

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

Friday 13th October

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

Next week: Sunday 15th October 2023

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

St Thomas'

9.00am Morning Praise

Matthew 8: 22-27

6.00pm Celtic Prayer

St Nicholas'

10.30am Holy Communion

Matthew 8: 22-27

Thank you!

A big thank you to the Messy Church team. The commitment and enthusiasm that pours out on that service is amazing.

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

Ink cartirdges

Please leave your used ink cartridges in the box in St Nicholas' foyer. We can recycle these to raise money for our church.

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

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.

Stamps for RNIB

There is a collection box in St Nicholas' foyer for your used stamps. These will be sent to the RNIB to help them raise funds.

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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