



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

Sunday 15th October 2023
Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

St Thomas'

9.00am Morning Praise

Psalm 137: 1-9

Isaiah 43: 2

Matthew 8: 22-27

6.00pm Celtic Prayer

St Nicholas'

10.30am Holy Communion

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Isaiah 43: 2

Matthew 8: 22-27

Collect

God of grace, ever creating and restoring, you breathe life into all things and embrace us with an everlasting love; help us to grow in wonder and awe, to embody a spirit of gratitude, and to dream generous dreams; that, in gathering what we have, we may graciously offer ourselves to accomplish what you will, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector's Reflection

Last week was Generosity Week in the Church of England. A week where we recognize God's generosity and consider our own. Because we are so very English, speaking about God's giving to us is fine and proper, however speaking about our own giving leads to lowered eyes and shuffled feet. Or at least it generally did from me. I wonder what motivates mine and others desire not to speak about giving, certainly it's not the Bible. Jesus taught us to freely give and spoke of it as an attitude of heart as we give within our ability. So let me break the taboo by thanking all who give to God's church and its upkeep in Bedhampton you can see a breakdown of where we are on the enclosed sheet. As we review our giving let me also join St Paul to encourage us to continue to be cheerful givers and to sow generously wherever we offer our gifts.

Prayer

Prayer Pointers

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

Those requesting prayer

Richard, Malcolm, 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

Monday 16th October

11.45am Memorial Service for John Marshman: St Thomas' Church.
All are welcome to attend.

Tuesday 17th October

2.00pm St Nick's Flicks: St Nicholas' Church. All are welcome

Wednesday 18th 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 19th October

9.00am Fun Club: St Nicholas' Church

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

Friday 20th October

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

Thank you!

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

Children's Work Leader

We really need more people to lead our Sunday morning children's work. If you feel called to this ministry please get in touch with Max.

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

Has anybody seen our toasters?

Two toasters have gone missing from St Nicholas'!! Has anyone borrowed them? If so can we have them back please?
Thanks!

New Curate!

Next year we'll be welcoming a new assistant curate to the parish. Jo Lorimar, who currently worships at St James', Emsworth, will be joining us from 29th June 2024.

Bidbury Junior School Governor Vacancy

Bidbury Junior School, where Max is a Governor, has a vacancy on the board for a new governor. Is this something you might consider as part of your front line ministry? If so, speak to Max for more details.

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
Thank you

Portsmouth Evangelical Network

PEN is a new group whose aim is to bring together evangelicals within the Diocese of Portsmouth to share, pray and worship together, to sharpen and challenge one another, and to deepen and strengthen faith in Christ. Find out more, and join PEN at: <https://pen.hubb.church>

Next week: Sunday 22nd October 2023

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

St Thomas'

9.00am Holy Communion

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Matthew 3: 1-12

St Nicholas'

10.30am Morning Praise

Isaiah 11: 1-10

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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 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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