



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

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
Matthew 3: 1-12

Collect

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty may be changed
into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rector's Reflection

This week I bumped into a previous Rector of Bedhampton Parish. He confessed to watching the progress of this family at Bedhampton from afar. It was not a warning to me, the current upstart of a Rector, "I am watching you". No, it was genuine care and love for the flock he once led, and a desire for God's work to progress beyond how it was left. This was the same Rector and his wife who visited Suzy and I to pray for us as we began our ministry here a few years back. Having a genuine heart for someone to succeed beyond your own success is a rare gift. It has echoes of the encouragement of Jesus for doing greater things than he did when we place our faith in him. I wonder who we might encourage this week to do greater things than us?

Prayer

Prayer Pointers

1. Children, young people and families
2. Those who need encouragement
3. The residents of St Theresa's Close
4. Community: Scouting and Guiding groups
5. Ukraine and the Middle East

Those requesting prayer

Richard, Malcolm, Judith Clemo, Alan Newman,
Phil, Chris & Jacqui, David & Linda

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 25th October

9.30am Holy Communion: St Thomas' Church.

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

Friday 27th October

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

Next week: Sunday 29th October 2023

Last Sunday after Trinity

St Thomas'

9.00am Holy Communion

Acts 2

John 14: 15-27

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Messy Church

We need small recycling items in for Messy Church. If you have some please can you drop them into St Nicholas' by 5th Nov.

Service of Memories

Our Service of Memories will be on 5th November, 4pm. Everyone is welcome.

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

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

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

Men's Breakfast

There will be a Southern Men's Breakfast on Saturday 7th December, 9am, at St Nick's. Join Max and the gang for a Full English and some chat. Put it in the diary now!

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>

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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