



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

***Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023***  
*Last Sunday after Trinity*

**St Thomas'**

**9.00am Holy Communion**

Acts 2

John 14: 15-27

*Service streamed at 5pm*

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**St Nicholas'**

**10.30am Morning Praise**

Acts 2

John 14: 15-27

*Service streamed at 6pm*

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***Collect***

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Office Observations***

The past week was half term, a time for children and teachers to have a rest from school. This doesn't mean that education stops, far from it, children can learn a lot from everyday life. It means that their lifestyle changes for a week. I wonder if we should all build 'half terms' into our lives... not necessarily to stop completely, but to take some time out, to do something different to our everyday routine and change our lifestyle for a while. After all, a change is as good as a rest! If we take some time away from the norm of our daily lives we can come back energised, enthused and refreshed. This can help us, not only physically and mentally, but also spiritually and emotionally, and that can only be a good thing!

## *Prayer*

### **Prayer Pointers**

1. Children, young people and families
2. Those who need encouragement
3. St Thomas Moore's Roman Catholic Primary School
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 1<sup>st</sup> November***

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

**9.30am Holy Communion (Mothers' Union):** St Thomas' Church.

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

### ***Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November***

**9.00am Fun Club:** St Nicholas' Church

**10.00am Online Holy Communion:** [www.Bedhampton.tv](http://www.Bedhampton.tv) or Facebook and available afterwards

### ***Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November***

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

## ***Next week: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023***

*Fourth Sunday before Advent*

### **St Thomas'**

**9.00am Holy Communion**

Isaiah 61: 10-end

Luke 1: 39-55

**4.00pm Service of memories**

### **St Nicholas'**

**10.30am Messy Church**

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> November. If you need a collection call Kim 07906263895  
Thank you

### **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

### **Thank you!**

A huge thank you to Nicola Ball for running some of her Baby Sensory sessions during half term to raise money for our church. She raised a very much appreciated £443!

If anybody would like more information about the sessions (for babies and preschool children) please speak to Deb.

### **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!

### **New Wine Celebration**

Sunday 5th of November, Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn. Amy Adeniran will be our speaker. Amy is vicar of Hope Church, Whiteley & married with two young children. She was ordained in 2014 in Winchester & was then a curate in Southampton for 4 years. The family moved to Whiteley in 2018, where Amy worked part time as Pioneer for Whiteley Church (which became Hope Church Whiteley before becoming Priest in charge in January this year. The sung worship begins at 6.30pm. Refreshments available from 6.15pm

## **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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