



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

Sunday 5th November 2023

Fourth Sunday before Advent

St Thomas'

9.00am Holy Communion

Isaiah 61: 10-end

Luke 1: 39-55

Service streamed at 5pm

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4.00pm Service of Memories

St Nicholas'

10.30am Messy Church

Collect

God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rector's Reflection

We spoke about God's Holy Spirit at our services last week and took some time to wait upon him and be quiet. It was wonderful to hear how God spoke in words and pictures during that time. After the services some shared with me encouragement they received from God, which they felt were for the whole church family. A picture of gold and silver refined in the fire, and from another an image of God's eyes watching us, his people in Bedhampton. These were interpreted as encouragement from our Father calling us to be refined into the people he would have us be, and for us to know he is with us on that journey. It is said that "Fear not" is the most common phrase in the scripture, and it would seem our God would say to us about our journey here that we should fear not. When we step out, our God does not leave us wanting, he is with us.

Prayer

Prayer Pointers

1. Children, young people and families
2. Those who mourn
3. Staunton Road
4. All who have and do serve our country
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 8th November

8.00am Parish Prayer: Join us in the Zoom room by going to www.bton.uk/meet , use meeting ID 2392483013 or go to www.facebook.com/BedhamptonNews to join us on Facebook.

9.30am Holy Communion (Mothers' Union): St Thomas' Church. All are welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits available after the service.

Thursday 9th November

9.00am Fun Club: St Nicholas' Church

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

Friday 10th November

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

Next week: Sunday 12th November 2023

Remembrance Sunday

St Thomas'
10.50am Service of
Remembrance

St Nicholas'
Shared at St Thomas'

News

Polly's curacy

It's very exciting to be able to let everyone know that, after ordination, Polly will be serving her curacy at St Wilfred's, Cowplain. Please pray for Polly, Mike and their family.

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 12th 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

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 25th November, 2.30-4.30pm
If you have anything to donate please drop it into the office or leave in the foyer of St Nicholas'.

Children's Society Boxes

The Children's Society are stopping their box collections. If you have one please bring it into the office for counting.
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!

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
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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