



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

Sunday 12th November 2023
Remembrance Sunday

St Thomas'
10.50am Morning Praise
Service of Remembrance
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Matthew 25: 1-13
Service streamed at 5pm
www.bedhampton.church

St Nicholas'
Shared at St Thomas'

Collect

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rector's Reflection

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

These words come from Jesus as he commissions his disciples to go out and serve the world. They are spoken in the context of God himself explaining that when we walk with him, we are his friends. There is more than a hint of the sacrifice to come in Jesus' words, a sacrifice for us, his friends. Friendship, service, and love seem to be intricately entwined as though one cannot exist without the other. The sacrifice of Jesus is so great that it demands a response. This act of loving service can be received with gratitude, it can be rejected with indifference, but it cannot be ignored. The comparison to those who have served and do serve us is clear, there is not greater love. An act of loving service that must not be ignored, and will not be forgotten.

Prayer

Prayer Pointers

1. Children, young people and families
2. Bidbury Infant School
3. Residents of Talbot Close
4. All who serve
5. Ukraine and the Middle East

Those requesting prayer

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

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 13th November

6.00pm Pause & Pray: St Thomas' Church

Wednesday 15th 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: St Thomas' Church.

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

Thursday 16th November

9.00am Fun Club: St Nicholas' Church

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

Friday 17th November

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

Eco church

We need an eco-church advocate! If you would like more information about this role please speak to Deb.

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

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 25th November, 2.30-4.30pm

This week we're collecting bottles and chocolate for the tombola. Please donate if you can!

Women's Big Read

Calling all women who want to prepare for Jesus to enter your heart, your mind and your life as we enter into the Christmas season. Join us as we discover Elizabeth, Mary and Anna with fresh eyes as we journey together through "The Women of Christmas" by Liz Curtis Higgs.

This will take place on the 2nd December and for the following 3 Saturdays, 10-11am. The book is available on Amazon or contact Suzy. Please contact the office for more details or to sign up.

Men's Breakfast

There will be a Southern Men's Breakfast on Saturday 2nd December, 9am, at St Nick's. Join Max and the gang for a Full English and some chat. Let Deb in the office or Max know you are coming so we can cater appropriately.

Next week: Sunday 19th November 2023

Second Sunday before Advent

Mission Sunday: Age UK

St Thomas'

9.00am Morning Praise

Psalm 71

Luke 2: 22-38

St Nicholas'

10.30am Holy Communion

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Prayer Is Vital

Our Wednesday morning prayer is at 8am every week online. We meet to pray for half an hour that God might use us in Bedhampton. I encourage you to join us, you can find details in the "What's on" section. Whatever you do, please do pray for God's mission in Bedhampton.

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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