



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

Sunday 19th November 2023

Second Sunday before Advent

Mission Sunday: Age UK

St Thomas'

9.00am Holy Communion

Psalm 71

Luke 2: 22-38

Service streamed at 5pm

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6.00pm Celtic Prayer

St Nicholas'

10.30am Holy Communion

Psalm 71

Luke 2: 22-38

Service streamed at 6pm

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Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rector's Reflection

This week Codie (a puppet), Suzy and I went into a school to share the idea behind Proverbs 12.18 that the words we speak have power to bring healing and power to bring hurt. The children loved having a puppet share God's love with them and when I returned home, that puppet's simple message would not leave my head. Simplicity does not always hide wisdom and certainly holiness can be presented simply. I wonder if we need to place ourselves in that assembly hall and learn once again the truth behind the words of Jesus when he said: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." Let us become known as a church that loves one another and who are known for words that bring healing.

Prayer

Prayer Pointers

1. Children, young people and families
2. Havant Borough Council
3. Residents of Talbot Road
4. Bedhampton Piano Shop
5. Ukraine and the Middle East

Those requesting prayer

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

Tuesday 21st November

2.00pm St Nick's Flicks: St Nicholas' Church

Wednesday 22nd 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 23rd November

9.00am Fun Club: St Nicholas' Church

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

Friday 24th November

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

Operation Christmas child Shoe box appeal

Thank you for all the completed Shoe Boxes. They have been taken to the drop off point ready to be delivered in time for Christmas.

Thank you again for supporting this appeal and bringing joy to many children

Kim

Beacon Foodbank

The food bank are in need of:
Coffee, tea, sugar, squash
Cereals, jam, marmalade
Soup, baked beans
Tinned meat, fish, fruit & vegetables.

Maybe you can put together a meal for a family. For example a tinned pie, potatoes, veg and a pudding.

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.

Christmas Fayre

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

This week we're collecting unwanted gifts, jewellery and bags.

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.

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.

Next week: Sunday 26th November 2023

Last Sunday before Advent

St Thomas'

9.00am Holy Communion

1 Peter 1: 3-9

Revelation 21: 1-8

St Nicholas'

10.30am Morning Worship

1 Peter 1: 3-9

Revelation 21: 1-8

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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