



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

***Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023***  
*Last Sunday before Advent*

**St Thomas'**

**9.00am Holy Communion**

1 Peter 1: 3-9

Revelation 21: 1-8

Matthew 25: 31-46

**St Nicholas'**

**10.30am Morning Worship**

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***Collect***

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

***Rector's Reflection***

As we enter into Advent next week, who are we praying for, that they might know more of Jesus through our activities? December can be such a busy month, when in reality and in our Church tradition Advent is a season of reflection, preparation and anticipation. We have some glorious opportunities this year. A Christmas tree festival, The Christmas journey, Carols by candlelight, Nativity crib service and so much more. Without a reflection on Jesus and without praying for others to know his love, our activities can be just fluff. But with reflection and prayer they are an opportunity to impact ourselves and others for eternity. My friends, let us ditch the fluff and enter Advent with a purpose of reflection and prayer both for ourselves and others.

## *Prayer*

### **Prayer Pointers**

1. Children, young people and families
2. The Manor Trust
3. Residents of Tarrant Gardens
4. Asda
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*

### ***Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November***

**8.00am Parish Prayer:** Join us in the Zoom room by going to [www.bton.uk/meet](http://www.bton.uk/meet), use meeting ID 2392483013 or go to [www.facebook.com/BedhamptonNews](http://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 30<sup>th</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 1<sup>st</sup> December***

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

### Easy Fundraising

You can help us to raise funds for our church without it costing you a penny! Go through Easy Fundraising to your favourite online shops and we will receive a small donation per purchase. If you click on the following link and once you've raised £5 using your account we get another £5!  
<http://bton.uk/easy>

### Beacon Foodbank

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

### 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 Day Communion

If you would like to attend a 9am Christmas Day Said Communion please contact the parish office this week. If there is insufficient interest there will instead be an opportunity to receive Holy Communion in a short 11:15am service after the main service.

### Manor Trust Christmas Tree

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 5.30pm  
Front lawn of The Elms.  
Festive refreshments, singing and the lighting up of the Christmas tree.

### Women's Big Read

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.  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> December  
10-11am. The book is available on Amazon or contact Suzy. Please contact the office for more details or to sign up.

### Camino Primitivo Pilgrimage

For a couple of weeks in May and June 2024 Max is leading a walking pilgrimage on the oldest route to Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain. We shall be staying in traditional pilgrim albergues and carrying backpacks. There are options for a variety of abilities and time commitments. Speak to Max for more details.

### New Wine Celebration

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December,  
6.30pm, Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn  
Neil Smart from St Jude's, Southsea will share with us. Feel free to come along from 6.15pm to catch up with others.

**Next week: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023**

*Advent Sunday*

**St Thomas'**

**9.00am Holy Communion**

2 Corinthians 5: 11-21

Luke 2: 8-20

**St Nicholas'**

**10.30am Messy Church**

### **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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