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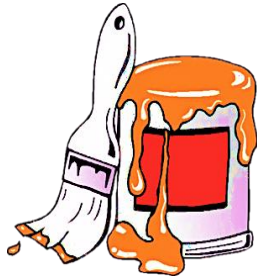


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New beginnings

After all the festivities of Advent and Christmas Day, we now arrive in January. Many of us will be taking down our trees, packing away our decorations and forgetting about Christmas for another eleven months, but in the church calendar Christmas season is still with us and there is much to rejoice about.

On the 7th January we will celebrate Epiphany where the Magi were led by the star to worship Jesus, bringing him those gifts for our King. When the star stopped where Jesus was, we hear the wise men were 'overwhelmed with joy' on seeing the saviour.

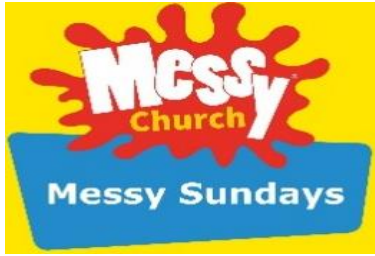
On the 28th January we will celebrate Candlemas where Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus to the temple which was the custom after the birth of a male child. In the temple was an elderly man called Simeon; he had been promised by God that he would not see death until he had seen the saviour of the world. As soon as he saw Jesus, Simeon knew that this was Christ who he had been waiting for – he then asked God to let him go; 'For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples'.

Without endings, there can be no beginnings so the end of the Christmas season, the end of the journey of the wise men and the end of faithful Simeon's earthly life brings new beginnings and therefore new joy and hope, given to us by God in Jesus.

I also have an ending and a new beginning this month. My time here in Bedhampton is over and at the end of this month I will take up a new post in a different parish. I have been blessed by God to share the last 18 months with you all, I have learnt so much that I will take with me into my future ministry, but above all I have been loved, supported and nurtured in this wonderful parish. Thank you.

Many Blessings

Jill



All are welcome to Messy Church which usually take place on each first Sunday of the month, 10.30am at St Nicholas Church. There are craft activities, songs and stories for the whole family.

Refreshments available.

Beacon Food Bank contributions can be made at Asda, Tesco, and Waitrose, or in the black box at the Rectory in Bidbury Lane.

The food bank is most in need of:

- Tinned meals Tinned puddings
- Tinned fruit and veg Rice, jam spreads
- Pot noodles/Packet noodles
- Coffee and sugar Toiletries

Thank you for your support.

FAMILY NEWS

We send our good wishes to all those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this month, including Ann Nellthorp, Ann Partridge, Ann Slade, Pamela Morgan, Marie Payne, Stella Harris and Eleanor Vosper.

We wish Neville Quick a speedy recovery following recent surgery.



Cover: Early Spring in St Thomas Churchyard



Pause And Pray

A time to pause and gather together to pray for our Borough for 1 hour.

Monday 11th January 6 - 7pm
at Church of the Good Shepherd,
Crookhorn; All welcome

St Nick's Flicks

will meet again on

Tuesday

16th January

1.45 for 2pm

at St Nicholas' Church

A free film show with refreshments.

Enquiries to Parish Office.

All welcome – no need to book.



BEDHAMPTON CALENDAR

Why not take some local photos for a Bedhampton calendar.

Keep taking photos – they may be submitted for any year.



If you have any photos of local interest, please send them to the Parish Office, ideally by email; although prints can be accepted and will all be safely returned.

Warm Spaces

Hampshire County Council is making the most of the county's library network by offering warm and welcoming spaces for anyone needing a place to spend some time, connect with others, or to work or study.

Hampshire Libraries offer a range of free or low-cost resources, events, activities and learning opportunities, and provide a safe and inclusive community space for everyone, with access to free WiFi.

In Bedhampton Parish, we offer tea or coffee and cake at St Nicholas on Friday mornings from 10.30am to 12 noon, with opportunities to meet people and chat.

The Pallant Centre in Havant is also open on Wednesdays 12 - 2pm. A warm hub accessible to all, welcome to join for tea, coffee and soup. The hub may also be open on Mondays. Donations welcome.

Seen in another Parish magazine: A member of their PCC floated the idea of opening the church during the Warm Spaces hours, for anyone wishing to sit in church and light a candle.

Week of prayer for Christian Unity

18th – 25th January. This year's theme is 'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself' (Luke 10:27). Go and do likewise. Services are usually held in various churches around the area but as we go to print, details are unavailable. Contact the Parish Office who may have more details in the New Year.

We three Kings of Orient are

So we sing in the popular Carol, but how do we know there were three Kings? Answer: there were no mention of kings or numbers. We guess three because there were three gifts.

The gospel of Matthew introduces the wise men at the beginning of chapter 2. *After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."*

It's a nice tradition but the number has never been confirmed.

If you have access to the Internet, you can find our Parish Christmas Quiz on [//bedhampton.church/news](http://bedhampton.church/news).



PARISH NEWS

Holocaust Memorial Day 2024 - 27th January

'Fragility of Freedom' is the theme for this year's Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD), as 2024 marks the 30th anniversary of the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda.

The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust explains that only "49 years after the Holocaust ended, 19 years after the genocide in Cambodia, the world stood by as Hutu extremists shattered the fragile freedom in Rwanda, following decades of tension and violence, culminating in the murder of over one million Tutsis in just one hundred days.

"Our world often feels fragile and vulnerable, and we cannot be complacent. Even in the UK, prejudice and the language of hatred must be challenged by us all. Together we bear witness for those who endured genocide, and we honour the survivors and all those whose lives were changed beyond recognition."

27th January was chosen for Holocaust Memorial Day, as it marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp.

Israel

: The crisis in Israel and Gaza continues. Various Christian UK agencies who are working in either Israel or Gaza, have launched Appeals for help. Each 'Appeal' below has been adapted from the website of the agency concerned, and so it will reflect their particular concern and emphasis at this time.

Bible Society

Our Bible Society teams are serving in both the Israeli and Palestinian communities.

They are distributing everything from Bibles to food to blankets to hygiene items, but they need your support. Please go to biblesociety.org.uk

Christian Aid

Urgent appeal for the people of Gaza In Gaza, our medical partner is providing mobile medical and psychological care. In southern Gaza, our partner is responding to the recently displaced, providing them with mattresses, medicines, and emergency food items. Please visit <https://give.christianaid.org.uk>

Embrace the Middle East

Help the people of Gaza. If you can help support Embrace's Christian partners as they work to help people caught up in this crisis, please go to: <https://embraceme.org/gazacrisis> .

World Vision www.worldvision.org.uk/emergencies/middle-east-appeal/#donate

Middle East Emergency Appeal

We're already working in the West Bank, supporting the thousands of vulnerable children, families and communities impacted by this crisis.

Visiting other churches

'... this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord ... (Psalm 27:4)

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is this month (18th – 25th January), so it's probably a good time to meet with other local Christians – or at least to visit one of their churches.

And when visiting other churches, it's fun to have a good nose around.

Fewer churches seem to have guides nowadays, and probably not many are open every day. But when you next visit a church, why not look beyond the building itself and its monuments which show the history of the place? Try to discover *what is going on there now*.

First, ask yourself how easy it is to find out the following information:

What are the services in the church, and when are they held?

Who is who, and how do you contact people?

Are the photos and notices up to date?

Secondly, is there a church magazine? They can be the lifeblood of the church and community, keeping people in touch with each other. Also, as church magazines can be delivered door to door each month, they are an excellent way of reaching out to local non-churchy people, reminding them that they will always be welcome.

Thirdly, why not keep an eye out for any good ideas that the church has got – and pinch them for our own church? This can work the other way, too – if you see something that does NOT work, make a note of that as well.

Above all, try and 'get a feeling' for what the church is really like to attend. Would you want to belong there? Some churches, like people, feel welcoming and alive, while sadly others seem to be struggling and downright gloomy. Whether it is 'high' or 'low' is not as important as whether it is welcoming and caring.

And what about our own church? How about inviting a non-church friend to come along and tell you their honest first impressions of our church? We might be pleasantly surprised!



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COMMUNITY NEWS

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Come and Sing -

Carmina Burana. By Carl Orff
with Portsmouth Choral Union,
Saturday 27th January 1.45pm – 6.15pm
St Jude’s Church, Kent Road, Southsea

Lee Choral Society with Richard Dewland
Sunday 7th January, 3.30pm
Tea time concert: free entry with donations
towards maintaining the historical Handel organ.
Holy Trinity Church, Gosport

Remembering ‘The Scream’

It was 80 years ago this month, on 23rd January 1944, Edvard Munch, the Norwegian artist, died. He is best known for his disturbing painting *The Scream*.

Munch’s body of work has been called “profoundly original” and “one of the most significant contributions to the development of Modernism in the 20th century.”

Born in Oslo in 1863, Munch spent his childhood haunted by bereavement and illness. Often ill throughout the long Norwegian winters, he was kept out of school, and began drawing to keep himself occupied.

Mental illness ran in the family, and Edvard grew up dreading it. He did have severe mental difficulties throughout his life. He studied at Oslo’s Royal School of Art and Design. He was influenced by Gauguin, van Gogh, and Toulouse-Lautrec, and was also encouraged to paint his own emotional and psychological state. One evening, at sunset, while Munch was out walking in Oslo, he “heard the enormous, infinite scream of Nature.” From this came *The Scream* in 1893, reflecting the anxiety, despair, and uncertainty of the modern world. One of the pastel versions became the most expensive artwork sold at auction, fetching £74 million at Sotheby’s, New York in 2012.

Portsmouth Menuhin Room
(Central Library)
Concert series
Bogdan Vacarescu (violin)
Valentina Seferinova (piano)
Ralf, Vivaldi, Vitali
Saturday 27th January, 12.30pm

Havant Chamber Orchestra
Saturday 3rd February, 7.30pm
Holy Trinity Church, Fareham
Schubert, Mozart, Mendelssohn



TLG.

Mission Sunday – Special Collection

17th January

Transforming Lives for Good is an organisation that works to support families and children. Early intervention is vital. Throughout the UK, children are struggling in school for all kinds of reasons and many families are suffering without hope. The effects of bullying, bereavement, family breakdown, poverty or being in the care system can have a huge impact on a child's education. Some children may be struggling with a lack of confidence, have no positive role models, or just need an adult to talk to.

Churches have been given a practical solution to support children, families and schools in their community.

Volunteers are trained as coaches to become trusted support to a child, and work on a one-to-one basis with children, aiming to reduce their anxieties and increase their confidence and aspirations. Research has discovered that as many as 1 in 10 children in the UK feel unable to cope at school. Just one hour per week can help a child to regain some confidence. Difficult family circumstances can also contribute to a child's need for support.

TLG also runs holiday hunger schemes to provide free, hot and healthy meals to children and families who would otherwise go hungry. Through these schemes, churches can also provide vital support to some of the most vulnerable children in your community and, in addition, build relationships with families in desperate need of the loving support of your compassionate church family.

The scale of holiday hunger is huge, with over 1.5 million children receiving Free School Meals and millions more children living in poverty. It poses an urgent question. What happens to the children in your community during the thirteen weeks of the school holidays? For too many, the food runs out. Churches can provide a lifeline during the school holidays. All the TLG kitchens are run by volunteers who believe that even just one meal for one child could make a vital difference.

The Box of Hope Story

When the pandemic hit the UK in 2020, TLG were incredibly concerned about children and families going into isolation without basic necessities. TLG responded with the Box of Hope scheme. Each parcel contained food supplies for the whole family, essential household items, activities and wellbeing resources, information on other support and messages of hope from supporters. Many families still struggle and are still receiving vital help.

To date, thousands of families have received help.

If you have access to the internet, read more at: www.tlg.org.uk

If you can help, please contact the Parish Office.

COMMUNITY

Why King Charles never throws cake away

King Charles is on a mission to tackle food poverty and rising food waste.

It is said that he and the Queen eat daily slices from the same cake until it is finished, as part of a drive to curb their personal food waste.

As for the nation, the King has been increasingly concerned that in the UK, 12 million tons of food is thrown away each year - even though almost three quarters of it could still be eaten, according to experts. In contrast, an estimated 4.7million people are living in food poverty.

To combat this problem, King Charles has launched The Coronation Food Project, to coincide with 2023, his 75th year.

Up to eight new food hubs around the country will store food, prepare it, and package it, before redistributing it to organisations like food banks and community kitchens.

The long-term goal is to circulate 200 million meals a year.

In the meantime, King Charles is careful not to throw his cake away. Is there one simple thing you could do in your own kitchen this Christmas, to curb your personal food waste?



Christmas 2023

The night before Christmas when all are abed,
As reindeer and sleigh bells are heard overhead,
Children still sleeping will early arise,
With shouts of delights as they open each prize.

A doll for Amanda, a toy soldier for Jo?
Ah, these are toys of long ago!
Now it's computers, a party dress,
Gifts so expensive they're meant to impress.

But the real joy of Christmas forever
will stay,
As church bells and carols proclaim
that glad day,
As wise man and shepherds recount
what they saw,
Of Mary, her Baby - and a bed full of
straw.

By Megan Carter

Why didn't baby Jesus put on weight?

- *Because he was on a stable diet.*

Big Ben – 100 years old

Do you stay up until midnight on New Year's Eve? If so, this year will be special – it is 100 years ago, on 31st December 1923, that the BBC first broadcast the chimes of Big Ben to welcome in the New Year.

For it was not until 31st December 1923 that the chimes of Big Ben were ever heard outside of Parliament and Westminster. But then the BBC got permission to broadcast them to the nation, and history was made.

That first year, the BBC engineers were not allowed into Parliament, and so had to access Big Ben from the roof of the Palace of Westminster. This meant that their microphone picked up not just the chimes, but a lot of traffic noise as well. But a tradition had started, and by 1924 the Big Ben bongs were being broadcast every day.

By then the BBC had installed low sensitivity microphones very close to the bells, so that they missed the sound of the clock mechanism.

The nation quickly came to love the sound of Big Ben, and during the Second World War the chimes were broadcast across occupied Europe – encouraging millions in their struggle against the Nazis.

The Big Ben daily time signal on the BBC is still cherished today, and Big Ben rings live for important events such as Remembrance Day and New Year, when the BBC sends the sound right around the world.

<https://www.bbc.com/historyofthebbc/anniversaries/december/big-ben-new-year/>

NB. Of course most of us are aware that it is the bell, not the tower, that is called Big Ben, hanging in the Elizabeth Tower. (renamed in 2012 in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.) The tower is nicknamed Big Ben, the name applied to the original largest of the five bells.

The Palace of Westminster was destroyed in a catastrophic fire in 1834 and parliament decided that they would build a new clock tower as part of the restoration works. They started building the tower in 1843 and finished in 1859, making the tower more than 160 years old. In recent years, the bells have been silenced for renovations and brought back into regular service in 2022.



MISSION NEWS

NEWS FROM KAMPALA

In early December, Sam and Chloe Mutton sent their latest news from their work in Uganda, before coming back to the UK over the Christmas period. Chloe is expecting Baby number 3 and will be here in the UK for the birth.



Highlights and lowlights

- We found out we are having a baby BOY! Zeeg took a while to adjust to it, but now is feeling very excited and both the girlies insist on stroking Mummy's bump every morning and evening to say Hi to him!
- We have had some stresses around flying back to the UK in time to give birth, changing flights around the Christmas season has been unexpectedly expensive. When we booked the flight we didn't know our due date so had to take a guess, turns out we were a week out!
- Zara-Grace turned 3 and we had a visit from Jo (Sam's Mum) over her birthday which was fun!
- We have had MORE kittens!! Only 3 this time though....!
- We experienced camping for 3 nights during rainy season and survived the 5 hours of monsoon rain on our tent!!
- We have had a combination of sickness and pregnancy pains between us as a family which hasn't been easy.
- We joined/started a home group with Church.

As a family, we are hanging in there! We feel we often say life feels full, but we don't know how else to describe it. We are in a season of life with 2 little ones, both working and another little one on the way. Life is full of daily joys but also daily stresses. Chloe recently described living in Uganda compared to the UK as life being less cushioned. The way of life here just feels sometimes that bit harder. The street children asking for money at the traffic lights and constantly being aware of security for you and your children. The need to attempt to always charge your phone and belongings in case of power cuts, the frustration when you need to do a quick job and it takes all day. These are just a few trivial examples, but the stress is real.

Our lovely friends who we have lived with for 4 years will be leaving. We are so excited for them and want them to thrive and move and we couldn't be happier for them. However, it does leave a hole. They are family to us, Zara-Grace and Arabella don't know life without their friends. They are brothers and sisters to one another, and we do life with Vicky and Rafa on a daily basis. We are excited to see who God brings us next and who we will do life with, but it also feels hard to imagine life in March with a new baby and coming back to Uganda without our friends around. Life will be different.

Community

We have been doing the same as usual in the community. We have been loving others, encouraging others, doing Bible Studies, helping with businesses and being alongside others. As a team we have enjoyed a day of retreat organised by a friend. This was really important for us all to take time out from our usual work and focus on ourselves, the topic was restoration and many of the team felt like the day really did restore them.

December has been full on Christmas Markets and lots of organising of donations to give away. We have a Christmas Party coming up when we expect to see around 350 people attend. We can't wait but it does also take a lot of organisation. Mary who works closely with Chloe to supervise the team is expecting a baby in December so this last month has been full of administrative tasks to make sure everything can run smoothly while they are both on maternity leave. This has been a big task and a bit stressful too!

We have been trying to organise accounts for Uganda too which isn't a task that comes naturally to Chloe and also finalising our match funding week at the end of November. The Big Give is a really exciting chance for us to fundraise enough money for staff salaries for 2024. We have £5,700 to match fund in a week next week. This feels exciting and overwhelming all at once.

Cycling

This season has been one of stress. Finances are incredibly tight, and relationships have also been hard work at the Bike Park. Fundraising this half of the year has been a real struggle, various fundraising plans were put in place but not as many as hoped to have come to fruition. We are breaking even on a monthly basis but it's hard to stay visionary when the funds aren't available. Thankfully we have just about enough money to keep the team employed in the New Year.

Relationships have been hard at the land. There are locals playing games and trying to extort money from us and scare our team. Please pray for relationships in the community and for wisdom as we move forward.

We are thankful for a wonderful new volunteer who has started working with us 2 days a week. He is a skilled carpenter from the US and he and his family moved here recently for his wife's work. He is helping build the entrance and viewing platforms which is amazing. Sam has really enjoyed having a team mate to dream with!

Sam, Chloe, Zara-Grace, Arabella & Bump. X

We pray for the family as Baby number 3 arrives this month. We also pray for their continued work in Uganda, for their staff and support in their various projects.



PUZZLE PAGE

Wordsearch – Wise Men and St Paul meet Jesus

The Wise Men and St Paul were both on trips when they first encountered Jesus, but how different those trips were! The Wise Men, whom we remember on Epiphany (6th January) were seeking the One for whom the Star shone, and came to Bethlehem to worship him. St Paul, whose conversion we remember this month (26th January), was on his way to Damascus, seeking to kill those who worshipped Jesus. When the Wise Men encountered the Baby Jesus, they worshipped Him and gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. When St Paul, the proud, fanatical Pharisee, encountered Jesus, he fell blinded on the road, and then worshipped Him by giving Him the rest of his life. St Paul endured years of suffering and hardships in his work as the great apostle to the Gentiles. His mighty faith in Christ has kindled similar belief in many hundreds of millions of people down the centuries.



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| Paul | Kill |
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| Star | Blinded |
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| Suffering | Apostle |

DECEMBER SOLUTION



Late Autumn Activities

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On Saturday 22nd October 11 Cubs and 9 Scouts along with Leaders arrived at South Harting for a weekend camp.

Tents were erected in the sunshine and the camp somewhat organised before the clouds darkened and downpours ensued. The Scouts contemplated building an Ark before deciding on a very wet bike ride to the top of the Downs. Cubs, equally undeterred, built a fire and melted wax to create some lovely colourful vanilla scented candles. They also



learned that wax floats.

Some shelter was taken in Rupert's Barn (left) for some pyrography (burning wood) and personalized wooden coasters were created.

The rain stopped for an evening of laser gun tag and campfire. Sunday arrived clear and dry, early birds had a great view of both Venus and Jupiter opposite each other in the morning sky. After breakfast conkers were collected, sticks whittled, games played, and lunch eaten before it was all too soon

time to pack up and return home tired and more than a little muddy. Thank you to the Church for once again letting us dry out wet tents in the hall.

Around the sections Scouts have enjoyed fire lighting and toasted marshmallows. Cubs have been on a night hike from Waterlooville to Bedhampton, bobbed for apples and made toffee apples. Beavers have been looking at Insects and making animal and insects from natural materials.

Thank you to everyone who helps in Scouting, you are all very much appreciated.

Judy Colwell (Akela)

December activities focussed more towards Christmas.

Pictured right are some attractive table decorations.

The Cubs went Carol Singing, raising £180 for the Children's Society

Scouts delivered Christmas Post in the area.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES



A Message from the Scout Leader

Welcome to 2024 and Happy New Year. It's actually the start of December 2023 as I write this and looking back on November, I need to say well done to the entire Scout Group for Remembrance Sunday. Both in terms of turn out and the respect shown.

November has also been busy with activities. The Beavers and Cubs held a Fireworks Night celebration complete with bonfire, marshmallows, sparklers and loud singing. Last night the Scouts went to Fort Purbrook's climbing walls and practised climbing. This concluded with two members, who had only joined 6 months ago, completing and being awarded the "Adventurous" part of the Chief Scouts Gold Award. Well done!

We are looking forward to December and all the Christmas activities. This includes us joining the Christmas Tree Celebration with Christmas Trees decorated in St Thomas'. We will also be doing our regular Christmas post around the Parish for the elderly and infirm.

Moving into 2024. My wife, Becky, is very busy organising a "1st Bedhampton Bingo Bash" (see advert on page 13); we have our Duck Race on Saturday 16th March and one of our Scout Leaders is busy organising a "Frostbite Camp" for February (brrrhhh!).

We are still campaigning for help in the Beaver section (6-8 year olds) following Mel having her second Baby. We are also after help in the Scout section (10½-14year olds) as Becky and I are pleased to announce we are also expecting our second child. We also need some more help with our Executive Committee which supports the Group but isn't a weekly commitment.



If you know someone who might be interested in helping us in 2024, please let us know.

Nigel Vosper

Scout Leader

"1st Bedhampton



Bash!"

Saturday 27th January 2024

***At: St Nicholas Church Hall,
Bedhampton***

From 6:30pm

Bring your own drinks and snacks!

***Raising funds for 1st Bedhampton (St
Thomas') Scout Group.***

Charity No: 1110160

COMMUNITY

BACK IN TIME in January

700 years ago: on 8th January 1324 Marco Polo died. The Venetian/Italian merchant, explorer and writer is best known for his book *The Travels of Marco Polo*, which detailed his travels along the Silk Road in Asia.

200 years ago on 8th January 1824, Wilkie Collins, British novelist and playwright was born. Best known for *The Woman in White* and *The Moonstone*, regarded as the first modern British detective novel.

150 years ago on 25th January 1874 Somerset Maugham, British playwright, novelist and short story writer, was born, one of the most popular writers of his era.

100 years ago, on 10th January 1924, Columbia Pictures, the American film studio and production company, was established.

on 21st January 1924 Vladimir Lenin, Russian Communist leader, died. He was the architect and first head of the Soviet Union.

on 22nd January 1924 Ramsay MacDonald became Britain's first Labour Prime Minister.

on 26th January 1924 the Russian city of St Petersburg was renamed Leningrad. Its name was changed back in 1991.

80 years ago, on 23rd January 1944 Edvard Munch, Norwegian artist, died. Best known for *The Scream*.

75 years ago, on 10th January 1949 RCA launched the 7-inch 45-rpm vinyl record, commonly known as the single.

65 years ago, on 12th January 1959 the Motown record label was founded in Detroit, Michigan by Berry Gordy.

60 years ago, on 11th January 1964 that the US Surgeon General published a report which concluded that cigarette smoking caused lung cancer and chronic bronchitis. This was the first official US government report on the health issues of smoking.

Also 60 years ago, on 13th Jan 1964 that Bob Dylan's album *The Times They Are A-Changin* was released.

50 years ago, from 1st Jan to 6th March, 1974, a three-day working week was introduced in the UK, in order to conserve coal supplies (used by power stations) during a miners' strike.

40 years ago, on 22nd January 1984, the first Apple Mackintosh computer went on sale.

25 years ago, on 1stst January 1999, the euro officially became the new currency in 11 European countries.

Also 15 years ago, on 20th January 2009 Barack Obama was inaugurated as the 44th President of the USA.

Holocaust Memorial Day 2024 – 27th January. 2024 marks the 30th anniversary of the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. The theme for this year's Memorial Day is 'Fragility of Freedom'.



Autumn Activities

We enjoyed our Advent Service in November at St Thomas when we were joined by others from around the Deanery. We also enjoyed our annual Christmas lunch in Rowlands Castle. Many thanks to all involved for organising and for producing such delicious food.

We look forward to a programme of meetings and activities this year. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month, usually at St Nicholas. We will be welcoming Angela Herring in February to tell us about Ghana, and Max Cross, our own Rector, who will speak to us about his walk along the Camino de Santiago, which he has done a number of times. We start the new year with our AGM on 23rd January followed by Afternoon Tea.

With Epiphany in mind . . .

This was the moment when Before
Turned into After...
When ... three
Members of an obscure Persian sect
Walked haphazard by starlight - straight
Into the kingdom of heaven.

*Some lines from a longer poem
by Ursula A Fanthorpe, a very
popular English poet (1929 –
2009)*

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MOTHERS' UNION JANUARY

*Wednesday 3rd Holy Communion
9.30am at St Thomas*

*Tuesday 23rd 2 pm. Branch Meeting
A.G.M. and Afternoon Tea
At St Nicholas Church*

All welcome

Contact: Marie Payne: 07929 776687

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the Painting of
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Speaker: Ross King

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Friday morning
From 10.30 to 12 noon
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and peaceful New Year.



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REST IN PEACE

We pray for the families of those who have recently died

Jean Hildersley



It was good to see a card from one of our retired clergy, Rev Chris Abbott. Although having very poor eye sight now, he still managed to produce one of his artistic pieces.

NOTE:

If you have not paid your magazine subscription, this will be your last magazine.

Dates for your diary

18th-25th January: Week of prayer for Christian Unity: details of local services to follow.

FEBRUARY 2024

Magazine



For information about advertising and the 'Magazine by mail' service, contact the Parish Office (see below)

We warmly welcome advertisers to our magazine but the Parish does not accept responsibility for the quality of work carried out.

All material for the next issue should be sent to the Parish Office, St Nicholas Church, Belmont Grove, Bedhampton, PO9 3PU by

10 am on **Friday 5th January**

For the January edition

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Parish Office open 9.30 am – 12.30 pm on Monday to Friday

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Services for JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY 7th

St Thomas 9.00 am
St Nicholas 10.30 am
 St Thomas 4.00 pm
 On-line service 5.00pm

(Epiphany)

Holy Communion
Messy Sunday
 Compline
 (St Thomas)

SUNDAY 14th

St Thomas 9.00 am
St Nicholas 10.30 am

(Christmas 3)

Holy Communion
Morning Worship

SUNDAY 21st

St Thomas 9.00 am
St Nicholas 10.30am
 St Thomas 4.00 pm
 On-line service 6.00 pm

(Mission Sunday)

Morning Praise
Holy Communion
 Celtic Evening Prayer
 (St Nicholas)

SUNDAY 28th

St Thomas 10.00am

(Candlemas)

Holy Communion (Shared service)

ON-LINE: Where an on-line service mentions a church,
 at www.Bedhampton.tv and Facebook
On-line services are usually available for both services each week.

MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

Wednesday 3rd	St Thomas	9.30 am	Holy Communion (M.U.)
Wednesday 10th	St Thomas	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 17th	St Thomas	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 24th	St Thomas	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 31st	St Thomas	9.30 am	Holy Communion

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