



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

***Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023***  
*Second Sunday of Advent*

**St Thomas'**  
**9.00am Holy Communion**  
Isaiah 40: 1-11  
Mark 1: 1-8  
**6.00pm Carol service**

**St Nicholas'**  
**10.30am Morning Worship**  
Isaiah 40: 1-11  
Mark 1: 1-8

### ***Collect***

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

### ***Rector's Reflection***

The second week of Advent encourages us to remember the Prophets of old, and peace. Currently there are thirty two major conflicts around our world, most of which do not even make our headlines. Where are our prophets today speaking out the truth into these disasters; and how can we speak of peace at this time in our history? Perhaps we are the prophetic voice that needs to speak of peace all the more. The King of Peace instructs us that we are to love God and love his people. It may seem simplistic but if we could create a pandemic of prophetic love around this world surely these conflicts would diminish. Join me in seeking to pray for that flow of God's spirit across not just our nation, but around His entire world.

## *Prayer*

### **Prayer Pointers**

1. Children, young people and families
2. Bedhampton train station
3. Residents of the Lodge
4. The food banks
5. Ukraine and the Middle East

### **Those requesting prayer**

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

We pray for the families and friends of those who have died and of those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

## *What's on*

**Christmas Tree Festival:** St Thomas' Church, daily 9.00am-4.00pm

**The Christmas Experience:** St Thomas' Church, daily 9.00am-7.00pm

### ***Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December***

**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](https://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 14<sup>th</sup> December***

**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 15<sup>th</sup> December***

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

### **Scout Carol Singing**

Carol singing by 1<sup>st</sup> Bedhampton Scout Group raised £180 for the Children's Society.

### **Scouts Post Box**

We'll be putting the post boxes out in St Nicholas and St Thomas this week and the final collection is Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. This is a free "good turn" service we do each year for the elderly and infirm. Delivery is only within the Bedhampton Parish Boundary by Scout footsteps (it's a long walk to Aberdeen!)

### **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>

### **Christmas Day Communion**

There will be an opportunity to receive Holy Communion in a short 11:15am service after the main service on Christmas Day.

### **Parish Magazine**

If you haven't paid for your 2023 magazine subscription please can you give the money to Deb in the office.

From January our magazine will be £1 per copy. Details about payment will be in with the January magazine. If you wish to cancel your subscription please can you let Deb know so that we don't print too many magazines for January.

### **Rev Jill**

As Jill prepares to move on to her new role she will be stepping back from pastoral care at the end of December. Jill will be with us on Sundays in January, her last service being an all-together on 28th January at St Thomas'.

### **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

***Next week: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023***

*Third Sunday of Advent*

**St Thomas'**

**9.00am Morning Praise**

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

**4.00pm Celtic Prayer**

**St Nicholas'**

**10.30am Holy Communion**

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

**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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