

Serving the community of Bedhampton

by sharing God’s love and friendship

***Sunday 14th January 2024***

*Second Sunday of Epiphany*

 **St Thomas’**

 **9.00am Holy Communion**

 1 Samuel 3: 1-10

 John 1: 43-51

**St Nicholas’**

**10.30am Morning Worship**

 1 Samuel 3: 1-10

 John 1: 43-51

***Collect***

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Rector’s Reflection***

After such a mild winter last weekend's temperature drop caught me by surprise. Then mechanical issues made me think I would have to pay out for a new car. This got me pondering about how easily we are caught unawares and unprepared. You may guess where I ended up with this as I concluded that one of things we don’t want to be caught unaware of is our relationship with God. Jesus so wanted us to take our relationship with him seriously he told several stories about being prepared to meet him. With an early Lent just four weeks away perhaps this spring might be a great time to consider where we are with that relationship and if we are prepared to meet Jesus.

***Prayer***

**Prayer Pointers**

1. Children, young people and families
2. Park Lane Post Office and store
3. Tulip Gardens
4. Bedhampton Volunteers
5. Ukraine and the Middle East

**Those requesting prayer**

Jude

Mike Bettesworth, a long standing member of our church community, died this week. Please pray for his family and friends at this time.

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

***What’s on***

***Tuesday 16th January***

**2.00pm St Nick’s Flicks:** St Nicholas’ Church

***Wednesday 17th January***

**9.30am Holy Communion:** St Thomas’ Church.

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

***Thursday 18th January***

**9.00am Fun Club:** St Nicholas’ Church

***Friday 19th January***

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

***News***

**Wedding Event**

Were you married at St Thomas’? We would love to invite couples to a special event we are planning for later in 2024.

If you’d like to be involved please email Deb in the office, hello@bedhampton.church with your names and the date you were married and we will keep you informed of our plans and send you an invitation.

**Summer Show**

**(Advanced warning!)**

We know it’s only January but the Summer Show will be on Saturday 6th July. It takes a lot of work to make the show a success so if you can help out in any way please speak to Chris Miller, Ann Partridge or Sandra Matthews.

**Children’s Work Helpers**

We really need some more people to help with the children’s work on a Sunday morning. Please speak to Max if you feel called to this valuable ministry.

**Men's Lake District Week**

All men are invited for a week of chilling and walking in Keswick for 2nd-9th March. Walking options available for all abilities. Max will be there, contact him for more details.

**Parochial Church Council**

We need new members to serve a 3 year term on our Parochial Church Council? If you feel called to do so or wish to find out more about this role please speak to Max.

**Alpha or Confirmation?**
In February we are hosting an open and informal dialogue about faith, the person of Jesus, and what it all means. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Everyone is welcome. Alpha is also a great preparation if you are looking to be confirmed as an adult. Contact Max for more information.

**Lent Reflections**
This Lent the Archbishops have invited us to Tarry, or to Watch and Pray expectantly for God. “Tarrying” is a time of waiting on God which involves the whole community. It encourages us to encounter God both as individuals and together. If you would like a copy of the short daily practices for Lent for a donation of £2.50 please let the office know asap.

***Next week: Sunday 21st January 2024***

*Third Sunday of Epiphany - Mission Sunday for*

*TLG (Transforming Lives for Good)*

 **St Thomas’**

 **9.00am Morning Praise**

 Deuteronomy 6: 1-9

 Matthew 25: 31-45

 **4.00pm Celtic Prayer**

**St Nicholas’**

**10.30am Holy Communion**

 Deuteronomy 6: 1-9

 Matthew 25: 31-45

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

*Noonday prayers (except for Sunday)*

**Thursday 18th January** Havant United Reformed Church

**Friday 19th January** Havant Methodist Church

**Saturday 20th January** Redeemed Church of God

**Sunday 21st January** St Faith’s, Havant (4pm)

**Monday 22nd January** St Thomas’, Bedhampton

**Tuesday 23rd January** St John’s, Rowlands Castle

**Wednesday 24th January** Bedhampton Methodist Church

**Thursday 25th January** St Joseph’s, Havant

For more information please speak to Sandra or Ann.

***Contact us***

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