



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

***Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024***

*Third Sunday of Epiphany*

**St Thomas'**

**9.00am Holy Communion**

Deuteronomy 6: 1-9

Matthew 25: 31-45

*Service streamed at 5pm*

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**St Nicholas'**

**10.30am Morning Worship**

Deuteronomy 6: 1-9

Matthew 25: 31-45

*Service streamed at 6pm*

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***Collect***

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

***Office Observations***

Have you ever been in a situation where you can't find the words to express your feelings? Maybe words just don't feel adequate or appropriate. Perhaps you can't find the right words when you're praying. You may not have the words, or maybe you can't think how you should pray. But God knows what is on the hearts of each and every one of us and understands us without the need for words. Sometimes lots of words are appropriate, sometimes the Lord's Prayer is the only prayer we need but often it's best for us to allow ourselves to be with God without the need for spoken language. However you pray this week remember that God loves you unconditionally, whether you use words or not.

## *Prayer*

### **Prayer Pointers**

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

### **Those requesting prayer**

Jude

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

## *What's on*

### ***Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January***

**4.00pm Prayers for Christian Unity:** St Faith's Church, Havant  
*Please note that there will be no Celtic Prayer at St Thomas' Church*

### ***Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January***

**12.00pm Prayers for Christian Unity:** St Thomas' Church

### ***Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January***

**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 25<sup>th</sup> January***

**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 26<sup>th</sup> January***

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

### **World Mission Committee**

The World Mission Committee need another member. It would be great if that person is a representative from St Nicholas'. Please speak to Sue Tate or Marie Payne if you can help.

### **Exodus for normal people!**

Beginning in February we will be exploring the book of Exodus. There is an easy to read and humorous companion book 'Exodus for normal people' by Peter Enns.

### **Coffee & Cake**

Last year an amazing £1,115 was raised for church funds by the people who come along to coffee & cake on a Friday morning. A huge thank you to Jean for organising this and baking cakes each week.

### **Havant Trefoil Guild Talk**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2-4pm, At St Nicholas'. Everybody is invited to come along to this talk which will be given by the Hampshire and IOW air ambulance.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Summer Show**

#### **(Advanced warning!)**

We know it's only January but the Summer Show will be on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Bingo!**

1st Bedhampton Scouts will be hosting a Bingo night on the 27<sup>th</sup> January, 6:30pm, at St Nicholas. We are charging £1 a Bingo strip (25p goes to the Scout Group, 75p goes back to the lucky winners). We are planning on a least 4 games of Bingo and drawing a small raffle made up from prizes donated across the Bedhampton community.

Bring your own drink and snacks! All are welcome.

*Next week: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024*

*Candlemas*

**St Thomas'**  
**10.00am Holy Communion**  
Exodus 13: 1-10  
Luke 2: 22-38

**St Nicholas'**  
**Shared at St Thomas'**

### **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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