



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

Sunday 28th January 2024

Candlemas

St Thomas'

10.00am Holy Communion

Exodus 13: 1-10

Luke 2: 22-38

Service streamed at 5pm

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St Nicholas'

Shared at St Thomas'

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your
heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

Rector's Reflection

This week we say farewell to our Rev Jill. Some wag is supposed to have once said that all visitors bring happiness, some by coming, others by going. Oddly this statement actually reminds me of the impact Jill has had whilst with us. Jill has brought much joy to us here at Bedhampton, particularly with her gift of care for those in need of support. I know she will claim to have learnt a great deal whilst here, but so have we from her, certainly I have. Jill is a gap filler, spotting what is needed and jumping in to complete that area of ministry. Now as she goes on to complete her preparation for what God has for her future and ministry to his people there is joy in what possibilities might lie ahead. How will God use her and what plans does he have for her? My joy is enhanced because along with God's blessing it is the welcome and acceptance from God's people in Bedhampton that has enabled this to be a possibility. Well done Bedhampton and thank you, do continue to pray for Jill and the girls.

Prayer

Prayer Pointers

1. Children, young people and families
2. The self-employed
3. West Street
4. Bedhampton Methodist Church
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

Wednesday 31st January

8.00am Parish Prayer: Join us in the Zoom room by going to www.bton.uk/meet, use meeting ID 2392483013 or go to 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 1st February

9.00am Fun Club: St Nicholas' Church

10.00am Online Holy Communion: www.Bedhampton.tv or Facebook and available afterwards

Friday 2nd February

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

Bingo!

1st Bedhampton Scouts will be hosting a Bingo night on the 27th 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 at 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.

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.

Havant Trefoil Guild Talk

Tuesday 13th 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.

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.

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.

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.

Next week: Sunday 4th February 2024

Second Sunday before Lent

St Thomas'

9.00am Holy Communion

Psalm 27

Matthew 27: 32-50

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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