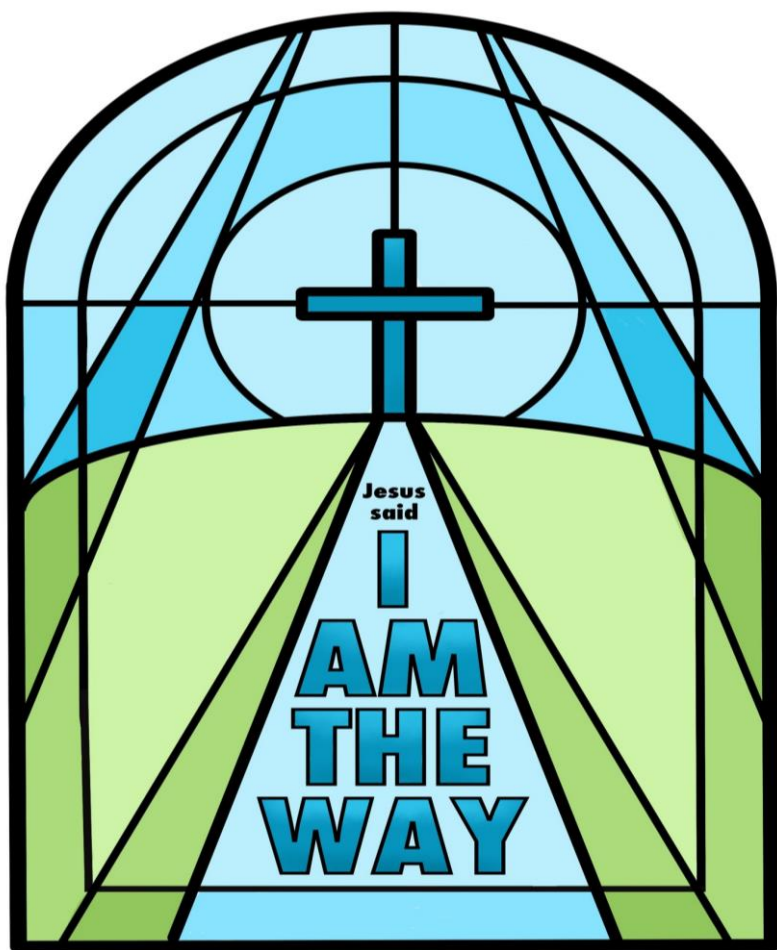


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There's lots going on at
**Bedhampton
Community Centre**

Pop in and see us,
or call 023 9248 0654

www.bedhamptoncommunity.org

St Nick's Flicks

will meet again on

Tuesday

16th April

1.45 for 2pm

at St Nicholas' Church

A free film show with refreshments.

Enquiries to Parish Office.

All welcome – no need to book.



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	Rice
Tinned puddings	jam
Tinned fruit and veg	spreads

Pot noodles/ Packet noodles
Coffee and sugar Toiletries

Thank you for your support.



Easter

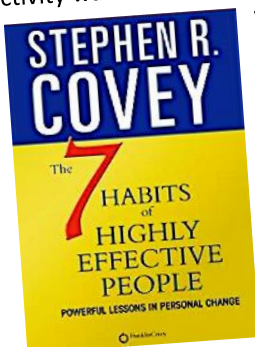


Because of the peculiarities of the Church calendar, Easter can fall between March 22nd and April 25th.

This year it falls early on Sunday March 31st, and that caught me by surprise leaving me wanting on the preparation front. As we walked towards what is arguably the biggest festival in the Church calendar, I found myself getting bogged down in the day to day stuff of life and putting off the needed preparation for our Easter celebrations. The activities that distracted me were not without merit; they were great, exciting and important distractions, but they were not the priority.

One of those time eating activities was preparing for the launch of Bubble Church at our St Nicholas' Church venue here in Bedhampton on 21st April. Bubble Church is a Sunday church service especially for babies, toddlers, and young families. It's a puppet-packed, Jesus-centred, coffee-and-croissant-fuelled, thirty minute kids and families adventure. It's right up my street and perfect for our community and you may have picked up that I am a bit excited about it. Hence the distraction.

Stephen Covey, in his book, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, was not the first, but popularised a time management matrix which gives activities an urgent or not urgent category and an important or not important category. Bubble Church preparation was important, and exciting, but not urgent. The important and urgent activity was the fast approaching Easter date, which is odd because that is exactly what Easter is, important and urgent.



Each year Easter comes and goes and for most of us, it is neither important or urgent. Yet, if what happened that fateful Easter day two thousand years ago is that God himself gave his all that you and I might have life to the full then suddenly it is important. If Jesus does not force himself upon us, which he doesn't, but it is a decision to follow him that we must freely make ourselves then it is of the highest importance.



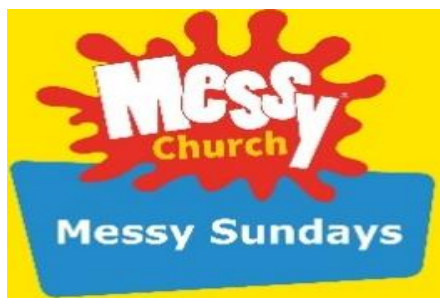
In addition, if the last few years of pandemic, conflicts and economic turmoil have shown us anything, it has taught us that we do not know what tomorrow holds.

When we know little of our future, important decisions become urgent, making preparation for Easter important and urgent for every one of us.

Thankfully my Easter preparations did rise to the top of my list and we are ready for the arrival of the big day. From the joyous Palm Sunday Parade on 24th, the reflection of Good Friday and the bursting forth of Easter Sunday on 31st we are ready for those who want to celebrate life. The question for all of us now is, how important and urgent is our own decision about Easter and Jesus himself?

Well, you are invited to join us and find out.

Max



All are welcome to Messy Church which usually takes 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.



Pause And Pray

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

Monday 15th April 6 - 7pm

at St Thomas Church Bedhampton

All welcome

BUBBLE CHURCH

Bubble Church is a free puppet-packed, Jesus-centred coffee-and-croissant fuelled 30 minute kids and families adventure.

Here's the deal; you turn up at St Nicholas' Church at 9.15am for croissant and a tea or coffee. You'll be guided to a bubble and at 9.30am you and your little ones will share in 30 minutes of song, story, puppets and prayer.



Bubble Church at Bedhampton Parish will be on the third Sunday of every month at 9.30am starting Sunday 21st April 2024.

Book NOW at www.bubblechurch.org

MARRIAGE RENEWAL EVENT

You are invited to join in a FREE special celebration of your marriage.

- A short service of vows renewal followed by a reception with :
 - Celebration cake & bubbly
 - Photo booth arch
 - Vows renewal certificate signing
 - Live entertainment

There will be a relaxed short service led by Rev Max as you, along with other married couples, renew your vows with your spouse and receive a blessing.



This will be followed by a celebration cake and bubbly reception (other drinks available). During the reception you can mix with any guests you may have invited and take a few photos in the church or in front of the photo booth arch, as you listen to some classic songs from a local talented singer. Max will have signed, and you and your guests can sign your Vows Renewal Certificate. This event is timed such that after the reception you might wish to treat one another to a meal out or simply cuddle up at home for the evening.

Book: 4pm **Sunday 14th or 4pm Sunday 21st July 2024.**

This is our gift to you as we celebrate marriage and no collection will be taken, however if you wish to donate towards the cost of the event there will be a donation station available on the day.

Remembering Michael Bettesworth



Mike Bettesworth was born in 1932, about 3 months before his father obtained their home in Park Lane, Bedhampton. Park Lane was then just a lane – the metalled surface of the road ended where Jesse Road now is. Apart from 2 years National Service and short periods away with his work as a civil engineer, he lived in the same house ever since. It was left to his mother who in turn left it to sister Alison and himself. When Alison married Len Bull, he bought her share.

He went to St Thomas' Church and was an elected PCC Member for a number of years as well as being a Sunday School Teacher.

He joined the local Bowls Club and played for many years, eventually becoming an Honorary Member. He had varying success but his name appears on a couple of Honours Boards. He took early retirement and immediately joined a Rambling Club, walking a good many miles around local footpaths and bridge ways. As they all got older, it became a Luncheon Club which met regularly at various pubs, inns and hotels in the local area – rarely in Portsmouth itself but the surrounding countryside between Fareham, Chichester and Petersfield.

Michael's Family remember that Michael was given Lancer, a Golden Retriever, for his 21st birthday by his Aunt. He was a very keen gardener providing lots of produce, holidayed with various members of his family, an avid crossword fiend and a voracious reader. He looked after his Mum for many years.

In 1978, Alec Matthews and his wife Sandra, moved to Bedhampton from Portland with our 4 young children. He was soon away at sea but the family received great fellowship from Bedhampton Parish. As soon as summer holidays were over, the children joined the Sunday School at St Nicholas', run by Michael, together with Elizabeth and Margaret Hobbs and Mrs Daughtry who played the piano. The children loved Sunday School.

In the mid 1980s, Alec retired from the Navy and took on the role of Scouts' Quartermaster. He teamed up with Michael, and with the timber he acquired from work (thank you Taylor Wimpey!), they built the Scouts' Tent Store shelving and then went on to fit new sinks in St Nicholas' Vestry and St Thomas' Toilet together with the disabled railings. Michael was always up for small jobs about the church.

Michael was a member of the Parish Cash Team for many years, and also Assistant Treasurer. At the Summer Show, the Cash Team currently spend their time, luxuriously, in the Parish Room at St Thomas'. In earlier days, before the upgrade of St Thomas', Michael and Maggie Bishop would sit in a small family caravan, belonging to John and Diane West, which had been brought to The Mead for the occasion. Floats would be dispatched from there and interim cash bags would be collected.

Michael used to be a regular attender at St Thomas', he would sit at the back, with his sister, Alison Bull, and the Hobbs sisters (Elizabeth and Margaret). Michael was on the St Thomas' Fabric Committee for many years. In later years, he became a bit of a recluse, running out of energy but being supported by kind neighbours.

Janet Goring remembers that Michael was a great friend and supporter of Bedhampton Guiding groups. He was often the first to arrive at the church hall for any event and the last to leave. He willingly setting out chairs and tables or on occasions working the curtains on the stage for many Guiding entertainment shows.

The Guide Guiders particularly remember Michael turning up at camp on the last day to help with packing up Elizabeth and Margaret's tent trailer. Or being ready and waiting at St Nicholas' car park, Guide Equipment Garage doors wide open, and his eagerness to get the lorry unloaded and packed away along with his co-operate John Barley. After the hard week's work at camp, all the Guiders were pleased to see his smiling face, and his gentle sense of humour would lift their tired minds, helping them complete the last tasks. For many years Michael was also the auditor of our Unit and District accounts, much appreciated by the Guiders.

The Rambling Group remember Michael as Chairman of the Country Lovers Rambling Group for many years and would lead walks around favourite spots within 25 miles of the local area. A familiar figure with his compass and ordinance survey maps in a waterproof cover around his neck. His first walk as Leader was in August 1991, when he partnered his sister, and they walked to Stanstead Forest. When lunches were arranged instead, Michael attended but stopped with the Covid lockdown.

Alec Matthews, Guiders and Family Members

APCM

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** takes place this month on **Sunday 28th April** at St Nicholas. There will be a service of Morning Praise at 10.30am followed by a break for coffee then the meeting to which everyone is welcome.

If you feel you might be able to join the PCC, please speak to Rev. Max Cross or a Churchwarden about what is involved.

PARISH NEWS - QUIZ

Quiz on the Book of Exodus. *(Answers from the March magazine quiz)*

As we have started looking at the book of Exodus, we thought you might like to try a quiz.

How well do you know what happened in Exodus?

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| <p>1. Who rescued Moses from the basket in the bulrushes?
a. Pharaoh's daughter ✓
b. Pharaoh's maid
c. Pharaoh's wife</p> <p>2. How many plagues did God send on Egypt?
a. 5 b. 10 ✓ c. 15</p> <p>3. What was the second plague?
a. frogs
b. water turned to blood. ✓
c. locusts</p> <p>4. What is the name of the sea the Israelites crossed to escape the Egyptians?
a. Dead Sea. b. Black Sea c. Red Sea ✓</p> <p>5. At what place did the Israelites arrive to find the water was too bitter to drink and God made it sweet?
a. Marah ✓. b. Elim. c. Horeb</p> <p>6. Which bird did God provide for meat in the wilderness?
a. pigeon b. quail ✓ c. turtledove</p> <p>7. What guided the Israelites through the wilderness?
a. a star in the sky
b. Moses had visions telling him where to lead the people
c. a pillar of cloud and of fire. ✓</p> <p>8. When there was no water to drink, how did Moses provide it?
a. from earthen jars
b. from his rod. c. from a rock. ✓</p> <p>9. On which mountain were the Israelites given the Ten Commandments?
a. Mt. Sinai ✓ b. Mt. Nebo c. Mt. of Olives</p> | <p>10. What Is the seventh commandment?
a. Thou shalt not covet.
b. Thou shalt not commit adultery ✓
c. Thou shalt not bear false witness</p> <p>11. What was on top of the Ark of the Covenant?
a. two cherubim ✓
b. candlestick
c. Aaron's rod</p> <p>12. What compelled the Israelites to form and worship the golden calf
a. they wanted to make a statue to the Lord
b. they made it as a symbol of their freedom from slavery
c. they didn't know what had happened to Moses ✓</p> <p>13. What was the name of a man who was given the Spirit of God, to enable him to become a good craftsman, and assist with the building of the tabernacle?
a. Caleb b. Bezaleel ✓ c. Buz</p> <p>14. Who was Moses' successor?
a. Joshua ✓
b. Caleb
c. Aaron</p> <p>15. For how many years did the Israelites wander in the wilderness?
a. 20 years
b. 30 years
c. 40 years ✓</p> |
|---|---|
- Answers are marked with a tick ✓

Remembering Peter Coe

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Peter Coe recently. He spent several years with us as a Reader in our parish, leading services along with one or two other Readers at the time.

From 2016 to 2018 he served on the PCC and was part of Home Groups and highly thought of for his spiritual leadership and guidance.

Nicky Quick writes:

"Peter was a leader in our Home Group at church for several years. I always enjoyed talking to him about my faith, as he had great wisdom and knowledge about the Bible. Peter carved a few holding crosses for anyone who wanted one in our group.



"I keep the cross beside my bed and it's a reminder of his skill at making things and for the care he showed us.

"We shared a love of sailing and I once took him out in my Wayfarer dinghy from Thorney Island to Sandy Point where we stopped for an ice cream! This was after he'd stopped owning his own boat so I was pleased to get him out on the water again.

"I will always be thankful to Peter for taking the time to stop and talk to my dad when they bumped into each other in Aldi. My dad was getting frail by then and he enjoyed his chats with Peter so much. He always reported to me when he'd met Peter.

"What a lovely example of Peter living out his life as a disciple of Jesus, caring for the elderly and giving the gift of time to someone."

Elaine Pearce and Mike Tritton remember him as a very gentle Godly man who knew his Bible and was happy to share his knowledge and thoughts, especially in house group meetings. He was also very skilled at craft and woodwork.



General Synod - *extracts*

The General Synod has just met and discussed issues that may well be important to the lives of people in your church.

For example:

- Concern for the growing tensions across the world – is this the start of World War Three? The Pope thinks that it might be.
- Assisted dying – is suicide ever the right thing to do? The Bishop of London says there is a better way forward.
- Are there bullies among the leaders in your own church? General Synod is preparing legislation so that abusive lay officers, such as church wardens and members of the PCC, can be legally challenged and forced to submit to a code of conduct – or resign.

On this final point, we think we can rest assured that we do not have any problems in this area in our parish. We are a group of very caring people and do our utmost to look out for each other, no matter if we hold positions such as church wardens, members of the PCC or members of the congregations. We welcome all people to our churches.

In his Presidential Address at the February sessions of the General Synod, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, spoke of the suffering across the world.

In Europe, the Ukrainian Russian war is frozen. And the suffering of the people in Ukraine has increased. But there is much more. Sudan... Myanmar... northeast India... the South Pacific... the Philippines... Korea... Pakistan... Nigeria... Mozambique We are in a state of global uncertainty and great change. Like all such periods, minorities are blamed for uncertainties, conspiracies are assumed where there is uncontrollability and leaders are criticised where the future is hard to see. God is our refuge, not our politics and our organisations. They are realities of any structured life, of any institution, they're not evils, but God is our refuge; they never will be.

God is greater than our fears, than our enemies and in our failures. God is unbreakably faithful to covenant and promise. When that is our comfort and peace, then in this world, at this time, off its hinges, we can in all our troubles, be truly the Church we should be, truly God's Church in God's world.

Justin Welby finished: "But Synod, I take comfort and encouragement from Galatians 6:9 – 'Let us not become weary in doing good; for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up'."

Man's way leads to a hopeless end - God's way leads to an endless hope. - *Anon*

Jesus can be contacted 24 hours a day: just go on-line via your knee-mail. - *Anon*

General Synod backs action to tackle biodiversity crisis

The General Synod has backed a series of measures to promote biodiversity on C of E land, from churchyards as havens of wildlife and plants, to the stewardship of agricultural and forestry land.

Members of the Synod welcomed progress already made by the Church Commissioners, the National Church Institutions, dioceses, parishes, cathedrals, and schools to manage their land for climate and nature.

Introducing the debate at the Synod, the C of E's lead Bishop for the Environment, Graham Usher, said: "We are one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world - 2% of species are already extinct - 41% of species have declined since 1970, 26% of our mammals are at risk of extinction and 97% of UK's wildflower meadows have been lost since the 1930s.

"We need to act now to help the diversity of life on this single island planet home we share."

Bishop Graham said that churchyards are home to a range of wildlife. In many parishes the churchyard is the only remaining 'species-rich' grassland untouched by post Second World War cultivation and development. He added that in urban areas, churchyards are often the only green space.

"Our churchyards should be places of the living, not just the dead," he added.

At St Thomas, many of us notice all the living things in our churchyard, from the ancient yew tree to spring flowers, the birds singing in the many other trees and shrubs, and we are grateful for the help received from the local council in maintaining the area. At St Nicholas, the garden area may be small but there are nevertheless plants and shrubs which encourage wildlife.



50 years of ABBA!

Fifty years ago, on 6th April 1974, the Swedish pop group ABBA won the Eurovision Song Contest with their song *Waterloo*. It was the first time that Sweden won the contest. ABBA went on to be one of the most successful groups in music history.

The victory, in Brighton, was just the first step on the road to conquering the world, as far as pop music was concerned. The songs, written mainly by Björn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson, were matched by the passion, exuberance and good looks of singers Agnetha Fältskog and Anni-Frid 'Frida' Lyngstad, who later married them – and later, divorced them.

The name of the group came from the initials of the four Christian names. Some have suggested a link to the biblical Abba and looked for Jewish themes in their songs, but this is wishful thinking. While Anni-Frid (who was born Norwegian) may be Christian, Björn is definitely an outspoken atheist. In fact, ABBA is the name of a Swedish canned fish company that had to give permission for the singers to use it – a decision they are unlikely to have regretted.

Both *Waterloo* and ABBA achieved worldwide superstar status quickly – no small feat for a group performing in a language that is not their own. The film *ABBA – the Movie* and the musical *Mamma Mia* and its sequel, featuring their compelling songs, were huge successes. It is estimated that the musical has been seen by more than 60 million people worldwide.

Appreciating Johann Sebastian Bach

Three hundred years ago, on 7th April 1724, the German composer Johann Sebastian Bach's *St John Passion* was performed for the first time, at a church in Leipzig.

It was put on as part of Good Friday Vespers at St Nicholas Church, having been transferred from St Thomas at the last moment by the music council. Bach, who had just turned 39, agreed to the move, while pointing out that the booklet had already been printed, there was no room immediately available for the musicians, and the harpsichord needed some repair. These problems were overcome.

Bach was already highly regarded, but primarily as a harpsichordist and organ expert. Later seen as one of the best composers of all time – renowned for such works as the *Brandenburg Concertos* and his *Mass in B Minor* – he was one of a large family of north German musicians. He is widely praised as a great synthesiser of styles and traditions.

The *St John Passion*, written during his first year as director of church music in Leipzig, was designed to be used as part of a church service. It follows John 18 and 19 in the Luther Bible, but the writer of the libretto is not known. A possible earlier Passion, written in Weimar, is lost.

Nowadays the *St John Passion* is heard mainly in the 1739–1749 version, though Bach made many revisions to the original before his death.

Bedhampton Summer Show: Saturday 6th JULY 2024
HELP NEEDED

Thinking about volunteering? Would you be free on Saturday 6th July?
The Bedhampton Summer Show committee is looking for volunteers. This could be setting up before the show, running a stall or putting away afterwards. If you are able to help, please contact us via our Facebook page. Together we can make a difference.

Any further information please email gary.underwood34@googlemail.com





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Forthcoming events



Chichester Chorale
Duruf : Requiem

Saturday 6th April, 7.30pm
St George's, Whyke, Chichester

Fareham Philharmonic Choir
A German Requiem – Brahms

Saturday 20th April
Holy Trinity Church, Fareham

Havant Chamber Orchestra
Saturday 18th May, 7.30pm
Holy Trinity Church, Fareham
Deli s, Gounod, Mozart

Portsmouth Choral Union
Saturday 25th May, 5.30pm
Duruf : Requiem
St Mary's Church, Portsea

PORTSMOUTH MENUHIN ROOM

Cordelia Williams – Piano
Bagatelles – Beethoven, Sonata-Fantasie -
Scriabin, Sonata – Schubert
Saturday 13th April, 12.30pm

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.

BEDHAMPTON VOLUNTEERS

Whilst Bedhampton is beginning to look glorious with all
the displays of daffodils, the Volunteers continue to be
busy planting donations of plants and shrubs around the
area. Bindweed and brambles continue to be in need of
clearing and the lawn mowing season has begun. Sadly yet
more litter needs to be cleared. It would be appreciated if
the public could either throw the litter in the bins widely
provided around the area.



The Manor Trust 2024

The Elms, 2 Lower Road,
Bedhampton

Manor Trust
Bedhampton
Heritage & Care

Tuesday 9th April: Café + Book Sale – 10:00 – 12:00

Coffee, tea, homemade cake and good company.

Everyone is welcome.

Saturday 27th April: The Big Bedhampton Book Sale - 10am – 3pm

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The Garden Show in Spring at Firle Place returns for a 16th year this month and this is the perfect time to plan for the garden year and be inspired to enhance your home, garden and lifestyle with over 160 stalls.



Visitors have the opportunity to take a tour of Firle Place and wander through the village and visit St Peter's Church which has one of the finest collections of Tapestry kneelers made by residents of the village.

Tickets are available on the gate but pre-booked tickets on-line are discounted.

Stansted Park 7-9 JUNE Rowlands Castle

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BACK IN TIME in April

- 300 years ago on 7th April 1724 the German composer Johann Sebastian Bach's *St John Passion* was performed for the first time, at a church in Leipzig.
- 200 years ago, on 19th April 1824, Lord Byron died. One of the greatest British poets and a leading figure in the Romantic movement, he died of sepsis/fever while fighting for Greek independence from the Ottoman Empire. Aged 36.
- 175 years ago on 10th April 1849, American mechanic Walter Hunt was granted a US patent for his invention of the safety pin. He immediately sold the rights for \$400, which is about \$12,000 today. The company he sold it to made millions from it.
- 150 years ago on 5th April 1874 Johann Strauss II's operetta *Die Fledermaus* was performed for the first time, in Vienna.
- 125 years ago, on 29th April 1899 Niki Lauda, Duke Ellington, American jazz/swing pianist, composer and orchestra leader, was born.
- 100 years ago, on 17th April 1924 Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios (MGM) was founded when Metro Pictures, Goldwyn Pictures and Louis B Mayer Pictures merged.
- 100 years ago, on 23rd April 1924 the British Empire Exhibition opened in Wembley, London.
- 90 years ago, on 3rd April 1934 British inventor Percy Shaw patented the Cat's Eye reflective road stud. He set up a company to manufacture them in 1935 and in 1937 he was awarded a government contract to mass produce them for national use.
- 75 years ago, on 4th April 1949 the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) was founded.
- 75 years ago, on 7th April 1949 the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical *South Pacific* was opened in Broadway.
- 70 years ago, on 7th April 1954 in a news conference about Communism in Indochina, US President Dwight D Eisenhower explained his 'domino theory'. He said that if one country in a region came under the influence of Communism, then the countries surrounding it would follow. He and later presidential administrations have always believed this.
- 70 years ago, on 26th April 1954, the Soviet Union transferred Crimea from Russia to Ukraine. In 2014 Russia annexed Crimea, but it is not recognised internationally, a number of sanctions were imposed on Russia as a result.
- 60 years ago on 15th April 1964, twelve men convicted of carrying out the Great Train Robbery in England in August of 1963 were jailed for a total of 307 years. They were given some of the longest sentences in British criminal history.
- 50 years ago, on 6th April 1974, the Swedish pop group ABBA won the Eurovision Song Contest with their song Waterloo. It was the first time that Sweden won the contest. ABBA went on to be one of the most successful groups in music history.
- 30 years ago on 26th April 1994, the first post-apartheid multiracial elections were held in South Africa, with 18 million blacks eligible to vote for the first time. Nelson Mandela was elected president and took office on 10th May.
- 20 years ago, on 1st April 2004, Google launched its free email service, Gmail.

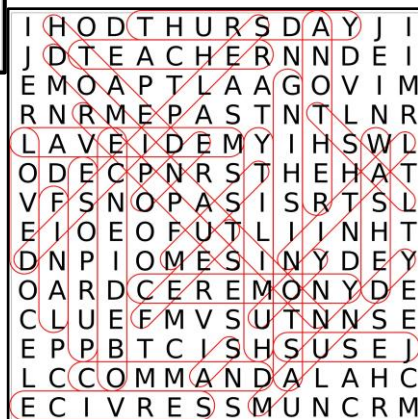
Wordsearch – St George of the Golden Legend

St George is Patron Saint of England, but he never actually came here. He was a Christian officer in the Roman army under Diocletian, who refused to abandon his faith during the Terror. George was therefore martyred in Palestine about 300 AD. His courage became legendary, and St George became the example of a Christian fighting-man, a powerful helper against evil powers affecting individual lives. He was the soldier-hero of the Middle Ages. In the Golden Legend of the 13th century, Jacobus de Voragine tells the story of how St George helped rescue the people of Sylene in Lybia from a dragon, especially the princess, who had been offered to the dragon as a sacrifice. With the dragon dead and the princess returned to her father the King, the people of Sylene converted to Christianity.



Palestine	George
Courage	Patron
Example	Saint
Helper	England
Evil	Officer
Soldier	Roman
Hero	Army
Golden	Diocletian
Legend	Terror
Dragon	Martyred
converted	Princess

MARCH SOLUTION



Answers
next
month

HAVANT TREFOIL NEWS

What have we been up to in the first quarter of this year?

In January we visited the Lodge to join in the celebrations for a surprise 90th birthday tea and cake afternoon for Elizabeth Hobbs. Elizabeth has been associated with the Guide Association most of her life. The Guide Leaders also joined with us and led the Camp Fire sing song. It was lovely to sing songs from many years ago. We are helped by the fact that some guiders are in the East Hants Singing Circle.

As we older people know only too well, we can remember songs of the past better than what we did yesterday. Elizabeth joined in with gusto and we have several lovely photos of her.



Back row, L-R: Marion Machell, Peggy Gray (seated), Sharon Clapson, Janet House.

Front row: Elizabeth Hobbs, Pamela Morgan. Peggy went to Purbrook Park School with Elizabeth and Maggie Bishop and others.

In February we had a talk given by a representative of the Air Ambulance. He was an excellent speaker and gave us a very informative and up to date picture of this very worthy and indeed necessary service. He had been a victim of a very serious motor bike accident caused by the driver of a car losing control and cutting across right in his path on a motorway in Cumbria. The excellent treatment given by the air ambulance crew before he arrived at the hospital saved his life. This was why he became a volunteer speaker. He was many months recovering before he could return to his home in Hampshire. He said fortunately in many ways he doesn't remember anything of the first few days. They are a charity and receive no funding from the government and are a very worthy cause if anyone is able to support them. The visual presentation is much more interesting. The written word does not do the organisation justice.

February 22nd is Thinking Day and the joint birthdays of the founder Lord Baden-Powell and his wife. The day in which we think of Guiding around the world and renew our promise. Peggy, Janet and Sharon celebrated it in London at Pax Lodge one of the world centres. They went for a two day break. The weather was atrocious but they had good fun and managed to join with the other 30 Trefoilers to raise the flag.



I was lucky enough to be able to pop into the Hall to join the Bedhampton Guide District at their Camp Fire on Thinking Day but was only able to stay watching for a short time. My two brownie great granddaughters were singing with gusto even the old songs but then they have grown up with them plus the fact they had just returned from an excellent Brownie Holiday and as their leaders are enthusiastic singers they had good fun round the camp fire.

Picture left: Peggy at the Pax Lodge memorial. Right: Peggy, Janet and Sharon outside the Shaftsbury Theatre, London, where they saw the musical Mrs Doubtfire.



for details of our future meetings or even better do join us for fun, friendship and laughter, and of course tea and cake.

No need to have been in the Guide movement as a youngster, just a belief in what we stand for. Some meetings are at 5, Woodstock Road, PO93HX and some in St. Nicholas Church building. My contact number with answerphone is 023 9247 4966. I look forward to meeting you.

Marion Machell

BACK IN TIME *continued*

10 years ago, on 14th April 2014 the Boko Haram Islamic terrorist group kidnapped 276 female students from the Government Girls Secondary School in Chibok, Nigeria. Some of the girls escaped, some were rescued, or have been reported dead. But over 100 are still missing, fate unknown.

It doesn't seem like 10 years but many of us will remember the horror of hearing this news. These students must now be grown women but what has happened to them? We still need to remember them and pray for them and their families.

As we go to print, we hear that more groups of children are being taken. Let us remember all these people in our prayers and hope that these situations can be resolved.

Spirit of Guiding Awards 2024 Bedhampton District GirlGuiding

On Saturday 27th January 2024 members from all sections of Bedhampton Girlguiding joined together for the annual district Spirit of Guiding Awards 2024; an award presented in memory of a much loved and much missed long serving member of Bedhampton District, Jacqueline Harris. The award is given annually to a Rainbow, Brownie, Guide, Ranger or Adult Leader who displays the true Guiding spirit as was demonstrated by Jacqui – taking on challenges and always doing your best while wearing a smile.

4th Bedhampton Guides

Nominations came from district units and leaders and all nominated girls received a certificate at the event. Overall winner of the award was Sophia Heggie from 3rd Bedhampton Guides “who always has a smile on her face, wears her uniform with pride, glows with enthusiasm and joins in with a sense of fun whilst ensuring those around her feel included”, reflecting the true spirit of guiding. *(Picture right with the Jacqueline Harris Spirit of Guiding Award.)*

The afternoon also included a fantastic presentation by Guider Dee Humphris, who took part in a Girlguiding Tall Ships Challenge during the summer of 2023 and the AGM for the Bedhampton Friends of Guiding group, who support Bedhampton District Girlguiding with fundraising to provide additional fun for the girls.



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Girlguiding continued There was a raffle and refreshments and lots of happy chatter! The afternoon ended with the girls singing their meeting close songs.

Janet Goring



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It's the first day of meteorological Spring as I write this and the Daffodils are in full bloom across Bedhampton (thank you to the Bedhampton Volunteers). This means we are busy planning camps and other activities for the Spring and Summer.

As part of this my wife Becky, my daughter Ellie and I did a little reconnaissance trip to the campsite the Scouts will be using this Summer. We have been trying to work out how many years it has been since we have been to Broadstone Warren Scout Adventure Campsite in East Sussex. Our best estimate is "around 30 years ago". If anyone knows better or has old camp photos, let us know.

The Beavers and Cubs held their usual pancake party and had a "flipping" good time. The pancakes were a "Egg"cellent quality and sprinkled with sugar on top.

HELP NEEDED

We are still campaigning for **help in the Beaver section** (6 - 8 year olds) following Mel having her second Baby.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Becky (and I apparently) are now almost 28 weeks pregnant with our second baby so we are also after **help in the Scout section** (10½ - 14 year olds). 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 please let us know.

Nigel Vosper, Scout Leader



Fire lighting
and whittling
in preparation
for camping.



Plans for our duck race in March are now in full flow. The ducks are in their intensive final training and a big thank you to everyone who supports this event each year. By the time you read this the results will be on our website at www.1stbedhampton.co.uk





SPRING MEETINGS

At our February meeting we were very happy, once again, to welcome Angela Herring, IDWAL Liaison Officer and Nichola Hughes who gave a talk on the progress of the projects being run in Koforidua Parish, Ghana. There had been some quite substantial changes, in particular the setting up of a water plant which not only provided clean water for the people of the parish but which had enabled them to set up a business to sell the water to schools, churches and other establishments, thereby earning money which they had reinvested to enlarge and improve the site. They had also employed a manager, who with an engineering degree, was able to ensure the smooth running of the plant for the foreseeable future. The first full year of selling the water made a profit of 140,000 Ghcedi [equivalent to £9,333].



Pictured above: Ann Partridge, Angela Herring, IDWAL Liaison Officer, Marie Payne and Nichola Hughes.

Nichola then went on to tell us about the plans to renovate the dilapidated maternity clinic which had been set up many years ago by a midwife and her husband. Sadly, in this area of the country, the standards for midwifery are quite poor. The birth rate is ever increasing with a high incidence of infant mortality and birth defects. Regrettably, the clinic had fallen into disrepair, following the passing of this wonderfully resourceful woman and the Bishop had decided that, given the building was already in situ, it would be opportune to repair, refurbish and re-staff the clinic to enable a greater degree of safety for mothers and babies. Fund raising events were held, led by the Bishop and enough monies were raised to carry out the work. Both Angela and Nichola are planning a visit to Koforidua later this year and will be taking many garments knitted by their own parishioners for the premature babies; our good wishes go with them and hopes for the continued success of the work undertaken in the parish achieved by the community spirit of the people.

*Marie Payne
Branch Secretary*

Heaven

Seen in a parish magazine: "We shall be meeting on Wednesday, when the subject will be 'Heaven - how do we get there?' Transport by bus is available at 6.45pm opposite the King's Arms."

COMMUNITY EVENTS



MOTHERS' UNION APRIL

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

*Tuesday 23rd 2 pm Branch Meeting
Quiz/ Beetle Drive*

*At St Nicholas Church
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to all those who celebrate
birthdays and anniversaries
this month, including
Suzie Cross.

Good wishes also go to Joan
Paton who recently celebrated a
birthday. And also to Steve
Miller.



BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Church Family

Nevaeh Sturman



Dates for your diary

Sunday 21st April 2024 Bubble Church, 9.30am.
St Nicholas Church. (see page 3)

Sunday 28th April: Annual Meeting, APCM
St Nicholas Church 11.30am.

Saturday 6th July: Bedhampton Summer Show

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the families of those who have recently died

Peter Coe

Marjorie Galpin



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Services for APRIL 2024

SUNDAY 7th

St Thomas 9.00 am
St Nicholas 10.30 am
 St Thomas 6.00 pm
 On-line service 5.00pm

(Easter 2)

Holy Communion
Messy Sunday
 Compline
 (St Thomas)

SUNDAY 14th

St Thomas 9.00 am
St Nicholas 10.30 am
 St Thomas 6.00 pm

(Easter 3)

Holy Communion
Morning Worship
 Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 21st

St Thomas 9.00 am
St Nicholas 9.15am
St Nicholas 10.30am
 St Thomas 6.00 pm
 On-line service 6.00 pm

(Easter 4)

Morning Praise
Bubble Church
Holy Communion
 Celtic Evening Prayer
 (St Nicholas)

SUNDAY 28th

St Thomas **no service**
St Nicholas 10.30am

(Easter 5)

shared Morning Praise
Followed by APCM

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 at www.Bedhampton.tv and Facebook
On-line services are usually available for both services each week.

MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

Wednesday 10th	St Thomas	9.30 am	Holy Communion (M.U.)
Wednesday 17th	St Thomas	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 24th	St Thomas	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 1st May	St Thomas	9.30 am	Holy Communion

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