



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

Sunday 17th November 2024
2nd Sunday before Advent

St Thomas'
9.00am Morning Praise
Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25
Mark 13.1-8
4.00pm Celtic Prayer

St Nicholas'
9.15am Bubble Church
10.30am Holy Communion
Matthew 5: 1 & 2, 9, 23-26

Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rector's Reflection

"In you, Lord my God, I put my trust." Last Wednesday during our online parish prayer we read the prayer that is Psalm 25. It continues reminding God and us that, "No one who hopes in [him] will ever be put to shame"; before listing many loving attributes of our Lord. Slotted in the middle is the briefest of confessions, "Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;" before the author returns to praise of God. This beautiful prayer is a reminder that if there is such a thing as a definition of being a Christian it is not about defining us, but about the God we worship. We are not Christians because we trust in our performance, our powers, our ability to do the right thing, and to be without fault. We are not even excluded from being Christians because of our rebellious past or those actions taken in our past. No, we are Christians because, as our Psalm concludes, our hope is the Lord. No one who hopes in him will ever be put to shame! Thank you Lord.

Prayer

Prayer Is Vital

Our Wednesday morning prayer is 8am most weeks. You can join online in your web browser at www.bton.uk/pray or Facebook at www.fb.me/BedhamptonNews Whatever you do, please pray for God's mission in Bedhampton.

Prayer Pointers

1. Children, young people, and families
2. All who have suffered abuse
3. Ernest Road
4. Archbishop Justin Welby
5. Ukraine and the Middle East

Those Requesting Prayer

Chris, Ann, Linda, Joy, Eileen, Vanessa

What's on

Wednesday 20th November

8.00am Parish Prayer. www.bton.uk/pray or Facebook at www.fb.me/BedhamptonNews

9.30am Holy Communion. St Thomas' Church.

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

Thursday 21st November

9.00am Fun Club. St Nicholas' Church

10.00am Online Holy Communion. www.Bedhampton.church/tv or Facebook.

Friday 28th November

10.30am Coffee & Cake. St Nicholas' Church

News

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

Safeguarding Training

Safeguarding training will be on Saturday 7th December, 10am at St Thomas'. This is available for everyone so please feel free to come along.

Children's Society Boxes

The Children's Society do valuable work but need our help in order to do it. We need someone to take on the role of Children's Society advocate. Could it be you? Speak to Deb for more information.

Christingle Service

This year our Christingle service will be during Messy Church on Sunday 1st December, 10.30am at St Nicholas'. Any collection from this service will be given to the Children's Society.

The Foodbank Challenge!

This week's foodbank donation idea: Tinned fruit.

Seasonal idea: Mince Pies (please make sure the use by date is after Christmas)

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 30th November, 2.30-4.30pm at St Nicholas'.

Do you have any items you can donate? We are in need of:

Items for secret Santa

Soft toys

Handbag, scarves and jewellery

Complete jigsaws

New or nearly new unwanted gifts

Clean, complete children's toys

We are in particular need of Bottles and chocolate for a tombola.

Items can be left in St Nicholas' foyer.

Max's Prayer Retreats

Max takes time each month to spend in prayer, reading and reflection, as he leads our parish. He is looking for someone who might be willing to loan or rent a sea facing beach hut or similar for an day once a month. If you know anyone who may be able to help could you please contact Max.

Next Week. Sunday 24th November 2024

Sunday next before Advent

St Thomas'
9.00am Holy Communion

Isaiah 53.1-12
Mark 10.35-45

St Nicholas'
10.30 Morning Worship

Isaiah 53.1-12
Mark 10.35-45

Our services are usually available online after 6pm

Vision - Identity - Purpose

In Bedhampton Parish we seek to be with Jesus, become more like Jesus and do what Jesus did. We are people whose identity is in:

Prayer

- We seek to have a daily rhythm of prayer.
- We seek to have a daily habit of spending time in The Bible.
- We seek to worship God in song, thought, word, and action.

Helping

- We seek to serve one another.
- We seek to serve within God's church.
- We seek to serve our neighbour.

Giving

- We seek to give of ourselves, going the extra mile.
- We seek to give of our time in our community and God's Church.
- We seek to be generous with our resources and finances.

Read more about our Vision, Identity and Purpose at: www.bton.uk/vip

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