



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

***Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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

### ***Collect***

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

### ***Rector's Reflection***

I have just been reading through the story Jesus told in Luke's Gospel about how we use the resources we are provided with. In Luke, it is called the Parable of the Ten Minas and Matthew references talents, either way, we can come to the same question. What are we doing with our abilities to see God's Kingdom come into our neighbourhood? At the same time, I was pondering the fact that next week we enter Advent. Christmas is a joyous time for me but there is always a hint of sadness and opportunity missed. Millions of people will enjoy the season, but as the old saying goes, at the same time they will miss the reason for the season. Perhaps one of the resources we might use to see God's Kingdom come is our freedom to invite our neighbours, friends and family to come explore that reason. No need to resort to that cheesy saying, just pick up some Christmas card invitations from our church venues. Let us not be sad because of a missed opportunities this festive season.

## *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](http://www.bton.uk/pray) or Facebook at [www.fb.me/BedhamptonNews](http://www.fb.me/BedhamptonNews) Whatever you do, please pray for God's mission in Bedhampton.

### **Prayer Pointers**

1. Children, young people, and families
2. The self-employed
3. Firlands Rise
4. Advent and Christmas events
5. Ukraine and the Middle East

### **Those Requesting Prayer**

Chris, Ann, Linda, Joy, Eileen, Vanessa

## *What's on*

### ***Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November***

**8.00am Parish Prayer.** [www.bton.uk/pray](http://www.bton.uk/pray) or Facebook at [www.fb.me/BedhamptonNews](http://www.fb.me/BedhamptonNews)

**9.30am Holy Communion.** St Thomas' Church.

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

### ***Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November***

**9.00am Fun Club.** St Nicholas' Church

**10.00am Online Holy Communion.** [www.Bedhampton.church/tv](http://www.Bedhampton.church/tv) or Facebook.

### ***Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November***

**10.30am Coffee & Cake.** St Nicholas' Church

### ***Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November***

**2.30pm Christmas Fayre.** St Nicholas' Church

## News

### **Mince Pies**

Over the Christmas period we use in excess of 300 mince pies. Can you donate a box of shop bought mince pies for our Christmas events? If so please bring them into the office or give them to Sally.

### **Men's Walking Trip**

All men are invited for a week of chilling and walking in Keswick, 8th-15th March 2025.

Walking options are available for all abilities. Max will be there, contact him for more details.

### **Safeguarding Training**

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

### **Alpha or Confirmation?**

From Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February we will be hosting open and informal dialogue sessions 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

### **St Thomas' Big Clean**

We're giving St Thomas' a deep clean on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November, from 11am. If you can come along to help please let Deb know, or just turn up!

### **The Foodbank Challenge!**

This week's foodbank donation idea: Tinned fish.

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

### **Christmas Fayre**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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, Complete jigsaws

Handbag, scarves and jewellery

New or nearly new unwanted gifts

Clean, complete children's toys

Bottles and chocolate for a tombola.

Items can be left at St Nicholas'.

### **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 a day once a month. If you know anyone who may be able to help could you please contact Max.

## *Next Week. Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024*

### *Advent Sunday*

**St Thomas'**  
**9.00am Holy Communion**  
Jeremiah 33.14-16  
Luke 21.25-36  
**4.00pm Compline**

**St Nicholas'**  
**10.30 Messy Church**  
*Christingle Service*

*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](http://www.bton.uk/vip)

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