



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

Sunday 8th December 2024
2nd Sunday of Advent

St Thomas'
9.00am Holy Communion
Philippians 1.3-11
Luke 3.1-6

St Nicholas'
10.30 Morning Worship
Philippians 1.3-11
Luke 3.1-6

Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son, Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

Rector's Reflection

Did you see him? And by him, I mean St Nicholas, not the one in the Red suit who has a liking for all things with crumbly pastry, but the original who we celebrated on Friday, December 6th. Naturally, we have a liking for our friend St Nick because of our own St Nicholas' Church, which was named because it may even be possible that St Thomas' was originally called St Nicholas'. But is there more for us in this patronal? It is said that a poor man with three daughters had no money for their dowries. St Nicholas is supposed to have dropped purses of coins down the chimney so they would have enough money to get married. Seeking to follow Jesus' commandment to give to the needy discretely; St Nicholas did not want this random act of kindness to be known by anyone. Perhaps we might be inspired to do likewise and secretly bless someone with a random act of kindness this Advent in honour of the original St Nick and our Lord Jesus.

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. Portsdown View Care Home
3. Fraser Road
4. Advent and Christmas events and services
5. Ukraine and the Middle East

Those Requesting Prayer

Chris, Ann, Linda, Joy, Eileen, Vanessa

What's on

Monday 9th December

6.00pm Pause & Pray. St Thomas' Church. All are welcome to come along to pray for Havant Deanery.

Wednesday 11th December

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 12th December

9.00am Fun Club. St Nicholas' Church

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

Friday 13th December

10.30am Coffee & Cake. St Nicholas' Church

Scout Carol Singing

The Scouts will be carol singing around Bedhampton on Tuesday 10th December, 6.00-8.00pm. Starting at St Nicholas' Church Any money raised will go to the Children's Society

Midnight Holy Communion

Our Midnight Holy Communion on Christmas Eve will begin at 11pm.

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.

Alpha or Confirmation?

From Wednesday 5th 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

Scouts Post Box

Our post boxes are out in St Nicholas and St Thomas.

The final collection is Wednesday 18th December.

This is a free "good turn" service we do each year for the elderly and infirm. Delivery is only within the Bedhampton Parish Boundary by Scout footsteps (it's a long walk to Aberdeen!)

High Tide

Friday 13th December, 7-9pm

Church of the Good Shepherd.

High Tide is a monthly get-together of church youth groups, for year 7+. They meet regularly for food, games, worship, teaching and prayer, visiting each other's churches and enjoying each other's hospitality and worship styles.

Mission Opportunity

A key part of our mission is to families and young people, and an opportunity has arisen in this area. Bidbury Junior has a vacancy for a governor who can be an important influence and play a vital role in shaping the future of the school. You are invited to consider if you might join Rev Max, who is a long-term governor, in this rewarding role in our local school. For more information, please contact Max.

Next Week. Sunday 15th December 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent

St Thomas'
9.00am Holy Communion
Philippians 4.4-7
Luke 3.7-18
4.00pm Celtic Prayer

St Nicholas'
9.15am Bubble Church
10.30 Holy Communion
Philippians 4.4-7
Luke 3.7-18

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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