



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

Sunday 15th December 2024
3rd Sunday of Advent

St Thomas'
9.00am Holy Communion
Philippians 4.4-7
Luke 3.7-18
6.00pm Candlelight Carols

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

Collect

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rector's Reflection

Because life can be busy, part of my rule-of-life is to seek to pause three times a day for a brief moment of silence and prayer. It is a moment of drawing myself back to God and putting the worries and businesses of the world on pause for five minutes. I may read a Psalm, simply sit in silence or pray, and I find it brings Father God's peace back into my being. The one I always struggle with, when my reminder goes off on my phone to do it, is the noonday pause. That is perhaps the time I am most caught up in all that is happening around me, and in my mind. However, when I am disciplined and stop for that five minutes it is the most beneficial for my soul and wellbeing. You will find in the news section that in 2025 that I am offering you the chance to join in with my lunchtime Psalms. I encourage you to consider giving yourself the gift of five minutes each day. It may just change your life.

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. The Rowans Hospice
3. Glebe Park Avenue
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

The Christmas Experience: St Thomas' Church, daily 9.00am-7.00pm

Wednesday 18th 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 19th December

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

Friday 20th December

10.30am Coffee & Cake. St Nicholas' Church

Safeguarding Training

Many thanks to those who shared time on Saturday to refresh their safeguarding training. If you were unable to attend and would like similar training (whether or not you currently undertake any form of leadership in this Parish) please let Mike Turner know.

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

Thank you!

A big thank you to all who have donated mince pies. They will be enjoyed at our Christmas services.

Scouts Post Box

Our post boxes are out in St Nicholas and St Thomas. The final collection is Wednesday 18th December.

Lunchtime Psalms

Monday to Saturday during 2025, Max will stop at midday to read a Psalm and pray for God's Kingdom to come in Bedhampton Parish. If you would like to join him and read through the Psalms twice in a year, email him at Max@Bedhampton.church. Just before noon, the Psalm for the day will appear in your email as a reminder to read and pray.

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 22nd December 2024

Last Sunday of Advent

St Thomas'
9.00am Holy Communion
Micah 5.2-5
Luke 1.38-55

St Nicholas'
10.30 Morning Worship
Micah 5.2-5
Luke 1.38-55

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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