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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 Tinned puddings
Tinned fruit and veg Rice, jam spreads
Pot noodles/Packet noodles
Coffee and sugar Toiletries

Thank you for your support.



PROMISES

A thought for this month.....how many of us have promised someone or something but have never carried it out for one reason or another. I can always remember my parents saying to me, "never be in a hurry to say I promise" because you have to carry it out or lose respect of that person or even your children.

We have to learn early in life that people do not always, or cannot always, keep the promises they make.

I like to think that I have brought my children up to think carefully before making any promises, either to friends, but especially to children including my grandchildren, and I trust that they have been able to do this.

As we go forward into 2025, we may look back over the past year and ask ourselves, what promises did I make and have I managed to keep any of them. I would like to think that I did, but let's face it, we are only human. Perhaps this is why we have to have faith in our God who loves us and calls us to put our trust in him, and believe in his promises, because they are the only promises that really matter.

Love and Blessings

Ann
Church Warden



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

Bubble Church at Bedhampton Parish Is on the third Sunday of every month at 9.30am at St Nicholas Church, Belmont Grove.



All are welcome to Messy Church which usually take 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.

BEDHAMPTON CALENDAR

Why not take some local photos for a Bedhampton calendar.

Keep taking photos – anything of interest around Bedhampton. They may be submitted for any year.



Pause And Pray

A time to pause and gather together to pray for our Borough for 1 hour.
Monday 11th February, 6 - 7pm
at The Beacon, Meridian Centre.
All welcome



St Nick's Flicks

will meet again on

**Tuesday
18th February**

1.45 for 2pm
at St Nicholas' Church

A free film show with refreshments.
Enquiries to Parish Office.
All welcome – no need to book.



FAMILY NEWS

We send our good wishes to all those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this month, including Margaret Stanger, and Janice Stott who is unfortunately in hospital at present.

Best wishes to Ann Slade and also to Zeke Mutton who has just celebrated his 1st birthday in Uganda.



Cover: Signs of Spring

ALPHA COURSE – coming this month

Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Everyone is welcome. Starting in the new year, no matter your background or beliefs, you are invited. I am inviting you to be curious and explore faith with me and others.



Connection

Life is better together. Alpha brings together people from all walks of life who are curious about faith. Each session starts with some time to eat, relax and get to know your group.

Content

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 session covers a different topic of faith, either in a short talk or video. The Alpha episodes are designed to engage and inspire conversation. They are about thirty minutes long and explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions such as Who is Jesus? How can we have faith? and How does God guide us?

Conversation

The last part of an Alpha is a chance to share your thoughts on the session's topic and discuss it in your small groups. It's an open and welcoming environment, no matter what your opinion. There's no pressure to say anything, but the floor is yours if you do want to.

Alpha is also a great preparation if you are looking to be confirmed as an adult.

Contact Max or the Parish Office for more details.

Max Cross

In Bedhampton Parish we seek:

To be part of the whole community, building relationships and seeing God's Kingdom come.
To be a place where the community gathers for celebration and commemoration from birth to grave.

To enable all ages to grow in discipleship and faith in small groups whilst giving and receiving support, love and practical help.

To be a place where all ages gather together to worship God in a range of expressions.

We are people whose identity is in daily prayer, in song, thought, word and action.

Helping: We seek to serve one another within God's Church and to serve our neighbour.

Giving: We seek to give of ourselves, serving the community of Bedhampton by sharing God's love and friendship.

NEW YEAR NEWS From Uganda

Sam and I just wanted to email to say thank you. Thank you for being alongside us, for your financial support, thank you for your prayers, for checking in on us and for your encouragement. As we look back on last year, we wonder how we are where we are today!

As we started this year about to give birth to Zeke and Sam wasn't very well, we didn't have much energy. We didn't know what the year would look like, how we would manage with 3 children in 3 years and if the Bike Park



would ever open! We had many doubts, lots of excitement but knew God had it under control. This last year has been full, so many things to be grateful for, so many situations where we see God at work in our lives. We are living in a country where trauma, death, sadness, oppression, corruption seems to be at the forefront of our lives. It is easy to lose our hope and faith in God when you are surrounded by it every day. However, the beauty that God brings from awful situations is incredible.

Just the week before Christmas we took a small baby to the doctors. The back story of the baby is that he was abandoned by the mother at just 2 days old so a friend (Fatima) took him in and looked after him. He is tiny (2.6kgs), blind and has 2 club feet. We are friends with Fatima who we visit regularly in the community and were able to find free treatment for his club feet. We managed to get a donor to ensure Baby Boy was drinking enough to give him a chance to grow. We have had his heart checked and his eyes, and we were just onto the final stages of rectifying his club feet. After the small procedure on his feet, this tiny baby boy started to seize. They weren't able to stabilise him at the hospital so they rushed him to another hospital close by. (This is probably one of THE most expensive hospitals in Kampala). We really thought this was going to be the end for our little baby boy.

They managed to stabilise and intubate him and he was admitted into ICU. During this time, I had all my 3 children with me, my team were already cooking for the Christmas party for the next day and we were maxed out. So you can imagine the stress! God was so good though. As we talked to the trustees, we agreed we would find the money one way or another to cover the costs for this baby boy. However, God had a plan. To cut a long story short, our beautiful tiny baby was discharged just one day later, completely fine and the hospital didn't charge us a single penny! Just extraordinary, miraculous really! In the sadness of this boy's situation, there is hope. There is love. There is God.

We hold on to these moments and we realise that we are just the hands and feet of Christ; we don't have all the answers to Baby Boy's situation but we love him, we love Fatima and we trust God to sort out the rest.

Sam and I look at our lives and often wonder what the coming year looks like, we wonder what life will look like in 5 year's time. We both have different ideas, we both don't know, we both have changing ideas. However, we do know that right now this is where we are supposed to be. We both know God has used us and placed us here for a reason. We are thankful for each one of you who care and support us. We are hopeful for the coming year, we know there will be highs and lows but we are thankful we have each other and we have God.

Here are a few highlights from the year 2024:

- The safe arrival of baby Zeke
- The Bike Park opening
- Sam's new part-time job at Church
- Our beautiful holiday at the beach
- Moving house
- Various visitors coming to stay with us and encourage us
- Being able to travel to the UK for a sister's wedding
- Generally good health for the family
- God's provision for funding for our life and our work.

The Big Give this year just blew us away!

- We had a wonderful Christmas Party for around 300 people just before Christmas!
- We ended the year with a lovely camping trip as a family around south west Uganda!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sam, Chloe, Zara Grace, Arabella, Zeke. x





SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

In our December magazine, we asked that people give consideration to support our Giving for December as all collections from our Christmas services, together with donations from our Mission Sunday on 15th December, would be given to The Rowans. I am very pleased to advise that a total sum of £1072.52 was raised and a cheque for this sum has now been forwarded to The Rowans. This is a very substantial amount and it is with sincere thanks to all those who contributed that we have been able to support this wonderful charitable organisation.

Roy Payne
Chair: World Mission Committee

SAMARITANS

Sunday 23rd February

www.samaritans.org

Our Vision

Our vision is that fewer people die by suicide.

To achieve this, we believe Samaritans has a crucial role to play in:

- Reducing the risk factors that make some people more likely to take their own lives.
- Ensuring that people who are at increased risk of suicide are supported.
- Making it less likely that people who do experience suicidal thoughts act on them.
- Reducing the likelihood that people will develop suicidal thoughts.

Our Mission

- We're here every day and night of the year for anyone struggling to cope. We make sure people have somewhere to turn and support when they need it most. We work with communities to let people know we're here for them and we campaign to make suicide prevention a priority.

Our Values

- Our support services adapt to the changing environment, but the values at the core of our listening service remain constant: Listening, Confidentiality, Non-judgmental, People making their own decisions, Human contact.

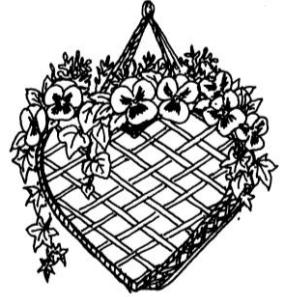
Over the last 70 years, we have answered more than 134 million calls for help. Read much more on the website; come and hear more at St Thomas 9am or St Nicholas at 10.30am on Sunday 23rd February.

SLIMMING WORLD

We would like to thank Samantha and members of Slimming World for their very kind and generous donations to the Food Bank in January. A Slimming World group meets at St. Nicholas Church on a Friday morning.

14th February: St. Valentine's Day

There are two confusing things about this day of romance and anonymous love-cards strewn with lace, cupids and ribbon: firstly, there seems to have been two different Valentines in the 4th century - one a priest martyred on the Flaminian Way, under the emperor Claudius, the other a bishop of Terni martyred at Rome. And neither seems to have had any clear connection with lovers or courting couples.



So why has Valentine become the patron saint of romantic love? By Chaucer's time the link was assumed to be because on these saints' day -14th February - the birds are supposed to pair. Or perhaps the custom of seeking a partner on St Valentine's Day is a surviving scrap of the old Roman Lupercalia festival, which took place in the middle of February.

Even modern Valentine decorations bear an ancient symbol of love - Roman cupids with their bows and love-arrows.

However, there are no churches in England dedicated to Valentine, but since 1835 his relics have been claimed by the Carmelite church in Dublin.

Many believe Saint Valentine's Day was named after one or more Christian martyrs and was established by Pope Gelasius 1 in 496 AD. Valentine of Rome was martyred about 269, and this day usually 'belongs' to him.

The first recorded association of Valentine Day with romantic love (1382) is from Geoffrey Chaucer. He wrote, 'For this was Saint Valentine's Day, when every bird cometh there to choose his mate.' This poem was in honour of the first anniversary of the engagement of King Richard II of England to Anne of Bohemia. Valentine Day is referred to by Ophelia in Hamlet (1600-1601).

*To-morrow is St Valentine's day
All in the morning betime
And I a maid at your window
To be your Valentine.*

The modern mention of Valentine's Day can be found in a collection of English nursery rhymes (1784):

*The rose is red, the violet's blue
The honey's sweet, and so are you.
Thou are my love and I am thine
I drew thee to my Valentine.*

COMMUNITY

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Havant Orchestras

New website: havantorchestras.org

Havant Chamber Orchestra

Charming Chamber Music



An afternoon of chamber ensembles
Sunday 26th January, 2025 2.30pm

St Thomas Church, Bedhampton

Havant Symphony Orchestra

Hayling Island Community Centre

Saturday 8th February, 7.30pm

A Night of Stage and Screen

Chantry Choir

Come and Sing

Monteverdi Vespers

Saturday 1st February 10am-5pm

St Mary's Church, Easebourne

Nr. Midhurst GU29 0AG

www.chantryquire.org.uk

Full Performance: Boxgrove Priory;
Saturday 29th March, 7.30pm

Solent Symphony Orchestra

Saturday 8th March, 2025

"Spring Classics"

Holst, Vaughan Williams

Flute Concerto – Reinecke

Played by Emme Hensel,

Concerto award winner of PFPA 2024

Portsmouth Music Festival 2025

New website, new name

Portsmouth Festival of Performing Arts

www.pfpa.org.uk

Speech & Drama: Saturday 8th February,
10am. at Park Community College

Guitar: Sunday 9th February, 9.15am
Menuhin Room, Portsmouth Central Library

Woodwind: Sunday 9th February
Crookhorn College

Piano: Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th
February, 9.30am - 9pm.
Menuhin Room, Portsmouth Central Library

Dance, Saturday 15th – Saturday 22nd
February; Park Community College

Rock & Pop, Saturday 22nd February
Crookhorn College, 10.30am

Vocal & Musical Theatre: Saturday 22nd,
Sunday 23rd February
Menuhin Room, Portsmouth Central Library

Strings (incl. Harps): Sunday 9th March, 9am
Crookhorn College

GALA CONCERT

Sunday 23rd March, 3pm
Crookhorn College

HAVANT TREFOIL GUILD
INVITES CHURCH MEMBERS TO AN
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MARCH

TUESDAY

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2 PM - 4 PM

2025

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH CENTRE,
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-  A 40-60 Minute Talk
-  Tea, Coffee & Cake 
-  Raffle Fundraiser for Canine Partners
-  Friends & Family Welcome
-  Entrance by Donation (£3 suggestion)
-  Cash Only Event

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COMMUNITY NEWS

P.G. Wodehouse

Fifty years ago, on 14th February 1975, P. G. Wodehouse died. The well-loved British-born comic novelist, short story writer, lyricist and playwright who lived his later life in Long Island, USA is best known as the creator of *Jeeves*.

He was always a prolific writer, publishing more than 90 books, 450 plays, 200 short stories and much else between 1902 and 1974. He had an unusual first few years, being brought up by relative strangers in England while his parents lived in Hong Kong. He later went to Dulwich College, with which he formed a close attachment.

Wodehouse's genius was primarily in his writing; in person he was described as "dull," and was certainly very shy. Baptised an Anglican, he had an agnostic outlook: Evelyn Waugh once said that Christianity didn't really apply in his work because he – or his characters – had never left the Garden of Eden. He wrote sympathetically about "pious but fallible" curates, vicars and bishops, and his work revealed an unexpectedly deep knowledge of Scripture.

He was an English writer and one of the most widely read humorists of the 20th century. 'P G' stood for Pelham Grenville. Wodehouse called it a "frightful label", and his garbled childhood pronunciation, 'Plum', became his affectionate nickname for the rest of his life.

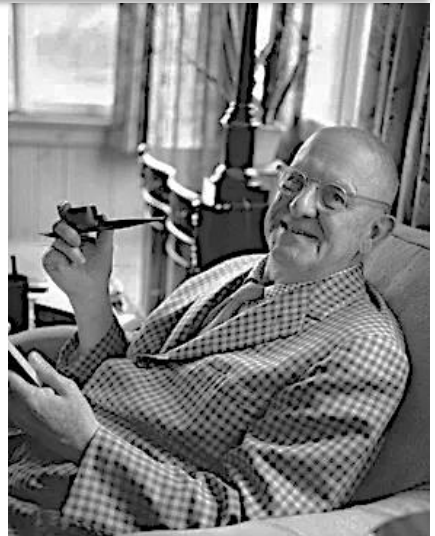
Born in Guildford, in 1881, he moved to France for tax reasons in 1934 and was later taken prisoner by the advancing Germans in 1940. After his eventual release he made the naïve mistake of making five broadcasts on German radio to the USA, which had not yet entered the war. The broadcasts were humorous and apolitical, but they provoked some anger in Britain, to which he never returned.

In New York he married Ethel, a widow with a ten year old daughter, Leonora, on whom he doted until her death in 1942. This, together with the war, ended his UK residency.

Wodehouse took US citizenship in 1955, while retaining his British one. He had always loved America, and his biographers suggested that this "exile" may have benefited his writing, helping him to go on describing an idealised England, rather than the harsher reality of the post-war years.

He died in Southampton, Long Island, New York, a month after he was made a Knight in the Order of the British Empire (KBE). He is buried in a NY suburb in Long Island.

A blue plaque can be seen on the house wall in Record Road to mark Wodehouse's residency in Emsworth.



Wodehouse' connection with Emsworth

Although born in Guildford, Wodehouse saw his parents for only three months between the ages of three and fifteen. At the age of five, he was sent to school in Croydon and was already writing. Aged 12, he went to Dulwich College. He was excellent at cricket and was expected to follow his older brother to Cambridge. However, his father suffered financial losses and was instead forced to start work at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, now HSBC. After two years, he left to write stories for the expanding magazine market, and was then offered regular freelance work by *The Globe* in the Strand. Whilst living in a Chelsea bedsit, he came across Herbert Westbrook who was teaching Latin and Greek in a small school in Emsworth, Hampshire. In 1903 Westbrook persuaded Wodehouse to come and live in the school, in a room above the stables. The big house with its large grounds was run by Baldwin King-Hall and his sister Ella and was well suited to Wodehouse's love of rural seclusion. He often stayed there on his way to one of his frequent trips to New York from the docks in Southampton. *The Little Nugget* (1911) was written at the school and *Indiscretions of Archie* (1921) was dedicated to Bud King-Hall. Clarence Threepwood, 9th Earl of Emsworth, home to many of his family. Blandings Castle is a recurring fictional location in his stories, being the seat of Lord Emsworth. (Blandings Castle lies in a vale in Shropshire.) Wodehouse always described Emsworth as an ideal place to work and in 1904 he arranged to rent a house called Threepwood, adjoining the school and its games fields and stayed until 1914.

Having rented the cottage in Record Road for many years, Wodehouse eventually bought it. The area features in a few of his writings, especially nearby Beach Road which leads down to the water's edge. He also had an Aunt and Uncle living in nearby Havant Road. His first musical collaboration with best friend Guy Bolton and Jerome Kern "Miss Springtime" (1916) was the forerunner of many others as lyricist and others such as George and Ira Gershwin. *Anything Goes* was also produced that year. It is thought that he may have attended nearby St. James Church for his spiritual guidance.



Threepwood today with its blue plaque.

By the 1930s Wodehouse was wealthy enough to settle in Le Touquet on the French coast where he bought a mansion adjoining a golf course in 1935. He was caught and interned by the Germans in 1940 and at the end of the war he returned to the States, never to return to England. He was knighted in 1975 and died a few weeks later aged 94.



Over the Christmas period all sections have been busy. Cubs and Beavers went Carol Singing to raise money for the 'Children's Society'.



The Scouts did a fantastic job of organising the Christmas Post in the Bedhampton community. All sections finished before Christmas enjoying parties with lots of food and music.

Going forward into 2025, the Beaver section have a new leader, Natalie; we welcome her to 1st Bedhampton Scouting. All the sections look forward to lots of exciting adventures and camps to come for 2025.

Melissa Colwell
Beaver Scout Leader

Above: Cub Scouts organised and went out Carol singing. They sung their hearts out and raised over £160 for the Children's Society.

Beavers made Christmas baubles which turned out brilliantly. (*Below*)

Well done to them all.





In early December when groups visited the climbing wall at Fort Purbrook, some completed their First Aid Badge after a 'Terrible Accident' !

THE MANOR TRUST

The Elms Café is held on the second Tuesday of the month from 10am to 12noon in the Waterloo Room. The Elms Library of pre-loved books is usually open, with coffee, tea and a delicious selection of cakes on offer. The next café is on 11th February. All welcome.

The Thursday Luncheon Club meets at 12.15pm and offers a freshly cooked 2 course meal (prepared by volunteers) followed by tea or coffee, all for a modest sum. The club is a happy gathering of local retired people, who come together to enjoy lunch and each other's company. To find out more or book a place please contact the Trust Manager.

CELEBRATING SCULPTURE AND POETRY IN BEDHAMPTON ON A VERY SPECIAL DAY

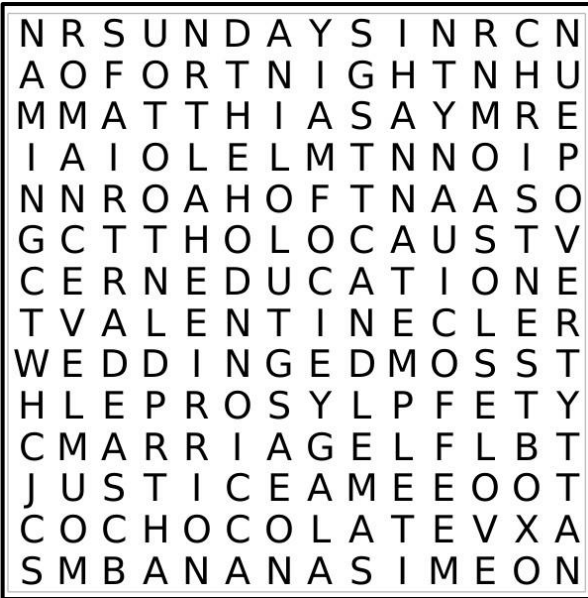
If you have walked past The Elms in Bedhampton recently, it is unlikely that you failed to notice the large sculpture of an owl in the front garden. Carved by sculptor, Nathan Blatherwick, it is a tribute to Bedhampton's link with the poem 'The Eve of St Agnes' by John Keats, written in January 1819, whilst the young poet was staying in the village.

The story of just how John Keats came to visit the village is being told by Nigel Gossop at The Elms, a grade II* listed house in Lower Road, Bedhampton on Sunday 19th January, just one day before 'The Eve of St Agnes' traditionally celebrated on January 20th.

PUZZLE PAGE

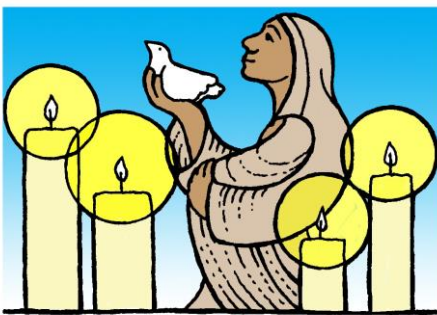
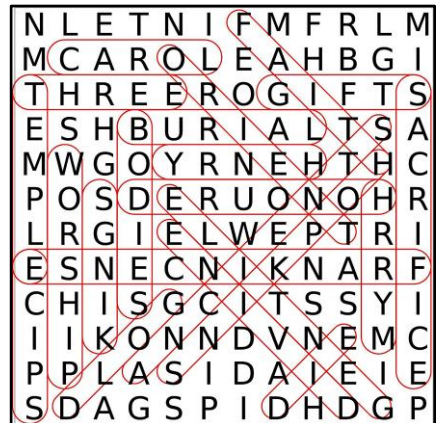
Wordsearch – Candlemas

February opens with Candlemas – the naming of Jesus in the temple. Simeon and Anna praised God to see the promised Messiah, sent by a loving God to save his people. February also celebrates the love between men and women: Valentine cards and wedding fayres abound. ‘Love’ as in social compassion is also remembered: Fair Trade fortnight, Holocaust Memorial Day, World Leprosy Day, Education Sunday and National Nest Box Week.... Love is truly needed by everyone!



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| naming | coffee |
| Christ | bananas |
| Candlemas | chocolate |
| Simeon | justice |
| Anna | poverty |
| temple | nest box |
| love | marriage |
| Valentine | wedding |
| romance | Holocaust |
| Matthias | leprosy |
| Fairtrade | education |
| Fortnight | Sunday |

JANUARY SOLUTION



Answers
next
month

BACK IN TIME in February

- 175 years ago on 23rd February 1850, Cesar Ritz, the Swiss hotelier, was born. He founded several notable hotels including the Ritz and Carlton Hotels in London, and the Hotel Ritz in Paris.
- 150 years ago, on 21st February, birth of Jeanne Calment, French supercentenarian with the longest verified human lifespan. She died in 1997 aged 122.
- 125 years ago on 27th February 1900, the Labour Party was founded in the UK.
- 90 years ago, on 22nd February 1935, US President Franklin D Roosevelt banned aircraft from flying over the White House – because the noise kept him awake at night. The ban remains in place today, but mainly for security reasons.
- 90 years ago, on 26th February 1935, British radio engineer Robert Warson-Watt demonstrated a working radar system for the first time, in Daventry.
- 80 years ago, in February 1945, Anne Frank died. The young Dutch Jewish diarist and Holocaust victim died in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp at the age of 15, probably from typhus.
- 80 years ago, on 6th February 1945, Bob Marley, the Jamaican reggae/ska/rock steady singer, songwriter was born. He became a musician and cultural icon (died 1981).
- 80 years ago, on 13th to 15th February 1945, the bombing of Dresden took place. The Allies carried out four massive bombing raids, completely destroying the inner city, and killing about 25,000 people.
- 80 years ago, on 21st February 1945, Eric Liddell, Scottish athlete, died. An Olympic gold medallist in 1924 (400 m), he had withdrawn from the 100m heat because it was held on a Sunday and entered the 400 m instead. (Film: *Chariots of Fire*.)
- 75 years ago, on 8th February 1945, the world's first payment by credit card took place. The founders of Diners Club (now Diners Club International) used it to pay their restaurant bill at Majero's Cabin Grill in New York City.
- 70 years ago, on 24th February 1955 to March, Britain's Big Freeze took place. Deep snow and freezing temperatures caused havoc, with many places cut off.
- 65 years ago, on 8th February 1960, the Hollywood Walk of Fame was established in Hollywood. It consists of more than 2,700 stars embedded in the pavement, that bear the names of notable figures from the entertainment industry.
- 65 years ago on 8th February 1969, Queen Elizabeth II issued an Order-in-Council stating that she and her family would be known as the House of Windsor, and that her descendants would use the surname Mountbatten-Windsor.
- 60 years ago on 17th February 1965, NASA launched the space probe *Ranger 8* on a mission to take close-up photos of the Moon, ahead of a manned *Apollo* mission.
- 50 years ago on 11th February 1975, Margaret Thatcher became the first female leader of the Conservative Party. She became Britain's first female Prime Minister in 1979.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- 50 years ago on 14th February 1975, P G Wodehouse died. This well-loved British-born American comic novelist, short story writer, lyricist and playwright is best known as the creator of *Jeeves*.
- 40 years ago, on 7th February 1985, the Mayor of New York City, Ed Koch, adopted the song *New York, New York* by Franck Sinatra as the city's official anthem.
- 40 years ago, on 16th February 1985, the Islamic militant group and political party Hezbollah was founded in Lebanon.
- 30 years ago, on 2nd February 1995, the leaders of Egypt, Jordan, Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation held an emergency summit in Cairo, where they reaffirmed their commitment to the Middle East peace process.
- 30 years ago, on 16th February 1995, the environmental campaign group Greenpeace discovered Shell's plan to dump its defunct *Brent Spar* oil rig in the Atlantic. It launched an international campaign to stop it, and the rig was eventually taken to Norway where it was dismantled and parts of it were used to extend a quay.
- 30 years ago, on 23rd February 1995, James Herriot, veterinary surgeon and best-selling author, died. Best known for his autobiographical book *All Creature Great and Small*, which was adapted into a popular TV series.
- 30 years ago, IBM discontinued its formal dress code in favour of casual wear. Many other US companies followed suit.
- 25 years ago, on 11th February to 29th May 2000, the British government suspended the Northern Ireland Assembly, after it failed to strike a deal on decommissioning IRA weapons.
- 20 years ago, on 7th February 2005, yachtswoman Ellen MacArthur broke the record for the fastest solo circumnavigation of the globe, gaining international renown.
- Also 20 years ago, on 10th February 2005, Charles, Prince of Wales, and Camilla Parker Bowles announced their engagement. They were married on 9th April 2005.
- Also 20 years ago, on 16th February 2005, North Korea confirmed it had nuclear weapons.
- Also 20 years ago on 18th February, hunting wild mammals with dogs was banned in England and Wales.
- Also 20 years ago, on 14th February 2005, YouTube, the online video-sharing service, was founded. It was purchased by Google in 2006.
- Also 20 years ago, on 16th February 2005, the Kyoto Protocol came into effect. The international treaty obliges industrialised nations to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.
- 15 years ago, on 18th February 2010, Wikileaks published the first classified documents led by US Army intelligence analyst Chelsea Manning. In total, she sent Wikileaks nearly 750,000 sensitive documents. She was arrested and served seven years in prison.
- 10 years ago, on 27th February 2015, Leonard Nimoy, American actor and film director, died. Best known for his role as Spock in the *Star Trek* films and TV series.



NEW YEAR EVENTS

Our MU Annual General Meeting will be held on 28th January 2025 at 2pm St Nicholas Church followed by afternoon tea.

Our programme for 2025 is as follows:

Holy Communion including Healing Prayer – 1st Wednesday of every month at 9.30m at St Thomas Church.

- 25 February : Caribbean Journey - Catherine Langhorn
- 25 March : Quiet Day - Revd. Judy Henning
- 22 April : Quiz and Beetle Drive
- 27 May : Camino Trip - Revd. Max Cross
- 24 June : Lucky Dip - Rona Doyle
- 22 July : Afternoon Tea at Stansted Park
- 26 August : MU Summer Lunch - The Castle, Rowlands Castle
- 23 September : My Testament - Revd. Jo Lorrimer
- 25 October : MU Annual Coffee Morning
- 25 November : TBC
- 9 December : MU Christmas Lunch - The Castle, Rowlands Castle

We welcome new members and further details can be obtained from Marie Payne, Branch Secretary on 07929 776687 or at Margaretpayne11@hotmail.co.uk.

Marie Payne



COMMUNITY EVENTS



MOTHERS' UNION FEBRUARY

*Wednesday 5th Holy Communion
9.30am at St Thomas*

*Tuesday 28th AGM
and Afternoon Tea
All welcome*

Contact: Marie Payne: 07929 776687

The
Arts
Society
Portsmouth



What Really Happened at the Yellow House in Arles in 1888

Speaker: Julian Halsby

Thursday 9th January 2pm
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THANKSGIVINGS

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Dates for your diary

Sunday 26th January: Concert at St Thomas: p.8
Wednesday 5th February Alpha Course begins
Tuesday 11th March, 2pm: Canine Partners,
St Nicholas Church. (see page 9)

WEDDINGS



We wish every happiness for the future to those recently married

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the families of those who have recently died



THANKS

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Services for FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY 2nd

(Candlemas – The Presentation
of Christ in the Temple)

St Thomas 9.00 am
St Nicholas 10.30 am
 St Thomas 4.00 pm

Holy Communion
Messy Sunday
 Compline

SUNDAY 9th

(The 4th Sunday before Lent)

St Thomas 9.00 am
St Nicholas 10.30 am

Holy Communion
Morning Worship

SUNDAY 16th

(Septuagesima, 3rd Sunday
before Lent)

St Thomas 9.00 am
St Nicholas 9.15am
St Nicholas 10.30am
 St Thomas 4.00 pm

Holy Communion
Bubble Church
Morning Worship
 Celtic Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 23rd

(Sexagesima, 2nd Sunday
before Lent; Mission Sunday)

St Thomas 9.00 am
St Nicholas 10.30 am

Morning Praise
Holy Communion

ON-LINE: at www.Bedhampton.church/tv and Facebook
On-line services are usually available for both services each week.

MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

Wednesday 5th	St Thomas	9.30 am	Holy Communion (M.U.)
Wednesday 12th	St Thomas	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 19th	St Thomas	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 26th	St Thomas	9.30 am	Holy Communion

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St. Richard's, Chichester
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02392 474777

Havant Borough Council
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