



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

*Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025*  
*Epiphany*

**St Thomas'**  
**9.00am Holy Communion**  
Jeremiah 31.7-14  
Matthew 2.1-12  
**4.00pm Compline**

**St Nicholas'**  
**10.30 Messy Church**

### *Collect*

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### *Rector's Reflection*

Happy New Year to you. It is that time again when many of us will ponder what our goals and resolutions for 2025 might be. Apparently, 88% of those resolutions will not make it beyond week two of January. Now that fact was found on a web search so there is 88% (made up percentage) chance it's not true. However, what we do know is that changing how we act can be incredibly difficult. St Paul reflects upon this when he says, "For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing". What I have discovered over the years is that I am far more likely to do the things I want to do, when I share them with others who have my best interests at heart. Friends from my church, home group and others I trust, who are there to encourage and support me. If you don't have that perhaps 2025 is the year to join a home group and find that support. I would love to help you find one in our community.

## *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. Bedhampton Schools as they return
3. Harestock Road
4. Bedhampton Bowls Club
5. Ukraine and the Middle East

### **Those requesting prayer**

Janice

## *What's on*

### ***Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January***

**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 9<sup>th</sup> January***

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

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

### ***Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January***

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

## News

### High Tide

This month's High Tide youth get together will be on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 7-9pm, at St Margaret's, Southsea.

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.

### 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 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

### 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](mailto: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 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024***  
*Mission Sunday - Chloe and Sam Mutton*

**St Thomas'**  
**9.00am Holy Communion**  
Romans 10.1-15  
Mark 13.1-10

**St Nicholas'**  
**10.30 Morning Worship**  
Romans 10.1-15  
Mark 13.1-10

*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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