



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

Sunday 12th January 2025

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

Collect

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Rector's Reflection

Last week, at our midweek Holy Communion, I shared once again a prayer of Thomas Merton that has always impacted me. This particular prayer begins; "My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going." I wonder if you, like I sometimes can relate to that frame of mind. Most days I jump out of bed eager to see what God will do with the day and how he will manifest himself. But it is also good, to be honest and acknowledge that there are days when we have no clue where God is in our world. Thankfully our moods and emotions, whilst important, do not alter the fact that God is there waiting to engage with us. Merton acknowledges this as he ends his prayer by saying; "I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen." Now that's a prayer worth praying on the days we stumble rather than jump out of bed.

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. Alpha course, starting soon
3. Hazelholt Drive
4. Deep Blue fish and chip shop
5. Ukraine and the Middle East

Those requesting prayer

Janice

What's on

Wednesday 15th January

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 16th January

9.00am Fun Club. St Nicholas' Church

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

Friday 17th January

10.30am Coffee & Cake. St Nicholas' Church

Messy Church

We need some egg boxes for Messy Church. If you have some they can be left in the foyer at St Nicholas'.

Ladies Night Celebration

You are invited to a celebration for all our amazing ladies.

Friday 7th February, 7.30pm,
at St Nicholas'

Put those glad rags on and join us for a night out!

To book your ticket, please fill in a form and give it to Deb.

Romans Sermon Series

On 26th January we start a new sermon series to look at the Book of Romans. It's been said that if the New Testament were the Himalayas, Paul's Epistle to the Romans would be Mount Everest. Together, we will ascend to the summit, taking in the view and then descend to put what we learn into practice on the other side. You might want to take some time to read Romans before then and pick up the accompanying book by Andrew Ollerton from The Bible Society. It is called "Romans: A Letter That Makes Sense of Life", and is available from all the usual places.

Havant Orchestra Concert

Havant Orchestra are performing chamber music in St Thomas', on Sunday 26th January, 2.30pm.

Tickets £20 (£5 for children), available from

www.havantorchestras.org

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.

Next Week. Sunday 19th January 2024
2nd Sunday of Epiphany

St Thomas'
9.00am Holy Communion
1 Corinthians 12.1-11
John 2.1-11

St Nicholas'
9.15am Bubble Church
10.30 Morning Worship
1 Corinthians 12.1-11
John 2.1-11

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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