



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

***Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025***  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany*

**St Thomas'**  
**9.00am Morning Praise**  
Romans 1.1-17  
John 3.1-21

**St Nicholas'**  
**10.30 Holy Communion**  
Romans 1.1-17  
John 3.1-21

### ***Collect***

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

### ***Curate's Comments***

In this week celebrating Christian unity I was reminded of a Rowan Williams quote that we were given in training, that as disciples of Christ we had to be "lookout...interpreter...weaver."  
Spotting need and working out how best to help people in Bedhampton is understandable, but weaver? What does that mean? My interpretation is that the warp, the vertical yarns that need to be in place before the weaving can begin, is us studying the bible, praying, our patterns of worship and missional aspirations. Mission is summarised by the Church of England as: spreading the Good News, encouraging new believers, acts of loving service, challenging injustice, preserving God's creation. The people that deliver the missional activity, and just as importantly, those who do the support functions (wardens/vergers, techies, treasurers, teamakers, clearer-uppers), form the weft. The most obvious bible reference to all this is Colossians 2:2 "I want you woven into a tapestry of love, in touch with everything there is to know of God." Paul is seeking unity within the community. Just as threads are woven together to create beautiful cloth, God wants the Colossians and US to be unified in love, support and understanding both as HIS church and to serve out in our glorious 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. Those working for Coop
3. Hillmead Gardens
4. The Elms
5. Ukraine and the Middle East

### **Those requesting prayer**

Janice, Ted

## *What's on*

### ***Wednesday 29<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 30<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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Alpha Course**

Our Alpha course begins on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 6.45pm in the parish room. If you would like to join this please let Deb know.

### **Mothers' Union AGM and Tea**

The Mothers' Union AGM and tea will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2pm at St Nicholas'.

All are welcome.

### **APCM**

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April we will have a joint service at St Nicholas' at 10.30am. This will be followed by our APCM and celebration lunch.

### **Havant Orchestra Concert**

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

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

[www.havantorchestras.org](http://www.havantorchestras.org)

### **New Wine Celebration**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 6.30pm.  
Church of the Good Shepherd,  
Crookhorn

Deb Smart, Sports chaplain and experienced Camino pilgrim joins us. Feel free to come along from 6.15 pm to catch up with others.

*Next Week. Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024*  
*Candlemas*

**St Thomas'**  
**9.00am Holy Communion**

Malachi 3.1-5  
Luke 2.22-40

**4.00pm Compline**

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

*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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