



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

***Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025***  
*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent*

**St Thomas'**  
**9.00am Holy Communion**  
Romans 2.1-16  
John 8.31-47

**St Nicholas'**  
**10.30am Morning Worship**  
Romans 2.1-16  
John 8.31-47

### ***Collect***

Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength,  
without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts  
and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### ***Rector's Reflection***

I found myself sitting in the sun amongst our grown children and their spouses, whilst our grandchildren were passed from one family member to the next. With deep gratitude for my overflowing cup of life, I could not help but pray my thanks to our God. Before I knew it tears of joy began to flow down my face as my children looked at me with a knowing smile. It is a personal story that was brought to mind as I stood in front of a Church united in praise of our Lord. "Yes I too rain down tears of joy when my children are united", were the words that came to mind as I stood there. If there is one thing that shows love and reflects God's Kingdom, it is when his Church stands united in praise of him, the Light of the world. It is that expression of God's Kingdom that we are seeing draw others to him here in Bedhampton. So my friends let us pray all the more to be washed in our Lord's tears of joy.

## *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. Who let the dad's out?
3. Hooks Lane
4. Sole Traders
5. Ukraine and the Middle East

### **Those requesting prayer**

Janice, Ted, Paddy

## *What's on*

### ***Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February***

**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 13<sup>th</sup> February***

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

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

### ***Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February***

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

### **Electoral Roll**

We have to renew our Electoral Roll this year. If you would like to remain on the roll please complete the form online at [www.bton.uk/roll](http://www.bton.uk/roll) or collect a paper copy from either church venue and give it to Deb, in the office.

### **Annual Meeting (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, bring and share, lunch.

### **PCC**

We will shortly have two vacancies on our PCC (Parochial Church Council). For more information speak to Max.

### **Romans Sermon Series**

Our current sermon series looks 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. You might want to pick up the accompanying book by Andrew Ollerton from The Bible Society to read as we travel through this series together. It is called "Romans: A Letter That Makes Sense of Life", and is available from all the usual places.

### **Bedhampton Summer Show**

The summer show is a key part of our connection with our community. This year's show, on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July, will be even better than before and it would be great to have an even bigger presence from Bedhampton church helping. If you could manage a stall, or help set up and/or pack down, please let Deb in the parish office know.

### **Who Let The Dads Out?**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 9.30am at St Nicholas, we start our new group for fathers, grandfathers, father figures and their children. It is a place to find fun, friendships and support. We have toys, games, crafts, and breakfast, including bacon sandwiches. It is aimed at children from birth to school year 3 but all ages are welcome. Pick up a card or go to [www.bton.uk/dads](http://www.bton.uk/dads)

### **High Tide**

This month's High Tide youth get together will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 7-9pm, at St George's, Waterlooville.

## ***Next Week. Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024***

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent*

**St Thomas'**  
**9.00am Holy Communion**  
Romans 4.13-25  
Luke 10.25-37  
**4.00pm Celtic Prayer**

**St Nicholas'**  
**9.15am Bubble Church**  
**10.30am Morning Worship**  
Romans 4.13-25  
Luke 10.25-37

*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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