



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

Sunday 16th February 2025
3rd 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

Collect

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

Rector's Reflection

This week I welcomed Fr Joseph from Sunyani Diocese in Ghana to our parish. Joseph helped me share with three of our schools about Jesus and how he modelled love so that we might reflect it to others. We shared with the children how similar Joseph and I are in some areas, a priest, married with children and we both love Jesus. Then when asked how we differed and the children responded with the obvious colour of our skin, but we also spoke about age and where we were raised. Initially the children were a little confused when I told them that Joseph was my brother, but that soon changed to joy as we shared he is my brother under our Lord Jesus. Together we dreamed what our world would be like if we all treated one another like brothers and sisters. I am not sure I have ever led a more profound prayer in school than when I prayed we all would treat others as our brothers or sisters. Imagine God's Kingdom coming in such a way. If the children can, perhaps we might, as well.

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. Fr. Joseph and Family
3. Hulbert Road
4. Sunyani Diocese Ghana
5. Ukraine and the Middle East

Those requesting prayer

Janice, Ted, Paddy. Alan

What's on

Wednesday 19th February

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 20th February

9.00am Fun Club. St Nicholas' Church

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

Friday 21st February

10.30am Coffee & Cake. St Nicholas' Church

Saturday 22nd February

9.30am Who let the dad's out? St Nicholas' Church (small hall)

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 or collect a paper copy from either church venue and give it to Deb, in the office.

Annual Meeting (APCM)

On Sunday 27th 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 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.

Road Closure & St Thomas'

From Monday 17th, Brookside Road will be closed for up to two weeks. Access by car to St Thomas' will only be possible via Kings Croft Lane opposite Hartley Stores on Bedhampton Road. Please be extremely careful when using this access which is too narrow for two cars to pass in certain sections. Pedestrian access via Bidbury Mead and Bidbury Lane will remain in place.

Bedhampton Summer Show

The summer show is a key part of our connection with our community. This year's show is on Saturday 5th July, and it would be great to have an big 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 22nd 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

Next Week. Sunday 23rd February 2025

2nd Sunday before Lent

St Thomas'
9.00am Morning Praise
Proverbs 31.10-31
Luke 10.25-37

St Nicholas'
10.30am Holy Communion
Proverbs 31.10-31
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

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