



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

Sunday 23rd February 2025

2nd Sunday before Lent

Mission Sunday: The Samaritans

St Thomas'

9.00am Morning Praise

Proverbs 31.10-31

Luke 10.25-37

St Nicholas'

10.30am Holy Communion

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Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Rector's Reflection

This week is our Mission Sunday and we will be hearing from Jo about the work of the Samaritans. It occurs to me that I would not know where to start with some of the situations those who volunteer with The Samaritans must deal with. I am so grateful for those who use their gifts to offer this service. However, I am also aware that I have different gifts, and it is my mission to see those used for the glory of God. God never called one person to have all the skills and gifts to do everything, what he did do was call his Church to be the body that he works through. The question for us to ask is how is God using us in everyday life to see his Kingdom come in Bedhampton and in the people meet each week? It is what God does through us in the 167 hours a week we are not in a church building for his kingdom to come; that we meet to celebrate for one hour a week on a Sunday. What may he be calling you to?

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. Bedhampton Community Centre
3. Ibsley Grove
4. Bedhampton schools as they return from half-term break.
5. Ukraine and the Middle East

Those requesting prayer

Janice, Ted, Paddy. Alan

What's on

Wednesday 26th February

9.30am Holy Communion. St Thomas' Church.

All are welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits available after the service.

Thursday 27th February

9.00am Fun Club. St Nicholas' Church

Friday 28st 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 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.

Singles Afternoon Tea

If and for whatever reason, you are a single person attending our Church you are invited to an afternoon tea. It is 3pm on Sunday 30th March at The Rectory. Max would like your input on how we can better include those who find themselves alone. We want to be a Church that includes everyone and your input can help with that. Please let Deb in the Parish Office know if you are able to attend.

Road Closure & St Thomas'

Brookside Road is still closed. Car access to St Thomas' is via Kings Croft Lane, off Bedhampton Road. Please be extremely careful when using this access which is very narrow.

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.

Children's Society Boxes

If you have a Children's Society collection box please let Ann Partridge or Deb know.

Next Week. Sunday 2nd March 2025

Last Sunday before Lent

St Thomas'
9.00am Holy Communion

Romans: Salvation

Romans 4.13-25

John 12.37-50

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

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