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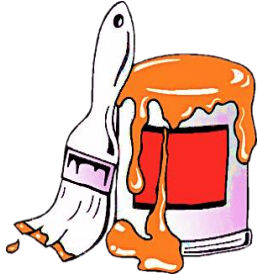


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The food bank is most in need of:
Tinned meals Tinned puddings
Tinned fruit and veg Rice, jam spreads
Pot noodles/Packet noodles
Coffee and sugar Toiletries

Thank you for your support.



Twice a year as deputy Churchwarden, my turn comes round to write for page one of the Parish Magazine. Now is such a time.

Realising this, I'm beginning to wonder what I could write about that would be of interest to others.

I was born in the 1940's, a Baby Boomer, and although our generation just missed the War Years and had "never had it so good"; there was an element around our up-bringing that "children should speak only when they're spoken to, and be seen and not heard."

But, we were resilient. Most of us have had careers, brought up families and are now retired, but when meeting up with old friends we seem to share a sort of humility or timidity of not wanting to "blow our own trumpet."

A dictionary example of humility is: a timid child, she had learned obedience at an early age.

Yet they say that you can learn something every day !

At a very recent dinner given to honour ladies in the Parish, we each received a little bag of favours at our place setting. The bag contained 3 chocolate truffles and an individual card printed with a biblical text.

My text was from 2 Timothy, 1 v7.

"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love, and of self discipline."

So there it is; for all these years the Baby Boomers HAVE had love, and self discipline, and power too. We can leave our timidity behind us and journey on in God's love.

May we always be grateful for His unseen goodness.

*Sandra Matthews
Deputy Church Warden*



Bubble Church is a free puppet-packed, Jesus-centred coffee-and-croissant fuelled 30 minute kids and families adventure.

Bubble Church at Bedhampton Parish Is on the third Sunday of every month at 9.30am at St Nicholas Church, Belmont Grove.



All are welcome to Messy Church which usually take place on each first Sunday of the month, 10.30am at St Nicholas Church. There are craft activities, songs and stories for the whole family. Refreshments available.

BEDHAMPTON CALENDAR

Why not take some local photos for a Bedhampton calendar.

Keep taking photos – anything of interest around Bedhampton. They may be submitted for any year.



Pause And Pray

A time to pause and gather together to pray for our Borough for 1 hour.

Monday 11th March, 6 - 7pm

At The Bridge Church, Hayling Island.

All welcome



St Nick's Flicks

will meet again on

Tuesday

19th March

1.45 for 2pm

at St Nicholas' Church

A free film show with refreshments.

Enquiries to Parish Office.

All welcome – no need to book.



FAMILY NEWS

We send our good wishes to all those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this month, including Sally Tritton, Barbara Vosper, Susie Cross, Steve Miller and Arabella Mutton in Uganda who will be 3.



Cover: St Nicholas Church, atmospherically decorated for Ladies' Night.

ALPHA COURSE – continues

Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Everyone is welcome. Starting in the new year, no matter your background or beliefs, you are invited. I am inviting you to be curious and explore faith with me and others.

The course continues on Wednesday evenings.



ECO-CHURCH

I attended the first net zero carbon diocesan conference as our parish representative for Eco-Church. This is an award at three levels, bronze, silver and gold to individual parishes by an organisation called A Rocha. The aim of each level of the award is to help us to make changes to help reduce our parish carbon footprint but also to understand why we should see caring for God's creation as a central part of our churches' mission and ministry.

We are currently completing a questionnaire to discover where we are compliant with aspects of ecological standards and what can be done by us as a parish to improve standards where we fail and therefore increase our carbon footprint. I'll let you know when we have achieved our bronze award! Please click on/type in, the link below for a full report of the seminar.

<https://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/news/2025/01/21/first-net-zero-carbon-conference-diocese/>

Nicky Quick

A.P.C.M.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

At St Nicholas

Sunday 27th April after a joint service

Followed by a bring and share lunch.

If you are interested in standing for the PCC,
please speak to Max for more information.

PARISH NEWS

LADIES NIGHT

A new social gathering took place in early January. . .

Max wanted to bring ladies of the Parish together to honour them with a posh meal as a “thank you” for just being themselves, not just ladies who have been around for a long time, but those new to the church, and those maybe searching in the faith. Ladies could pick up a leaflet from either church and sign up to come, with a suggested donation of £5.00 per person.

On the night, Friday 7th February, everyone arrived; 7 for 7.30 pm. 30 ladies of all ages.

Max and his (men) helpers had prepared the main hall. Low lighting, tablecloths on the table and favours for everyone on each table. It was very pleasant to come into. Low level music was played via the sound system during the evening, and could be pre-requested.

The food was prepared and cooked in the kitchen, by Max, Andy and James and brought out to us by 4 waiters plus Max. Each waiter looked very smart in their white shirts and bow ties, with Nigel as Maitre D in his tuxedo as well.

The menu

Carrot and coriander soup.

Roast turkey, roast potatoes, carrots and cauliflower cheese.

Apple crumble and cream, and / or double chocolate cheesecake.

Vegetarian options for the above.

Fruit juices or bring your own wine.

After Eight mints.

Fresh coffee or tea.

We had Andrew Hargreaves as our “after dinner” speaker, actually between the main course and the dessert. Andrew is ordained and now works in the Diocese. He is married with three daughters of 21, 19 and 17. He spoke of being brought up in a mostly male environment, including an all-boys school, but now being surrounded by women ! It was a lovely evening.



A LENT REFLECTION

by Canon Paul Hardingham

Somebody asked a Christian friend why he was eating doughnuts, when he had given them up for Lent! He answered, '*At the bakers I told God, that if He wanted me to buy doughnuts, He should provide a parking space in front. On the eighth time around, there it was!*' Rather than seeing Lent simply as a time to give things up, let's use it intentionally for self-examination, reading Scripture, penitence, fasting and prayer.

At Jesus' baptism, God's voice says, '*You are My Son, whom I love; with You I am well pleased.*' (Luke 3:22). The Holy Spirit then leads Jesus into the wilderness, where we find Him coming to terms with who He is. Satan's temptations challenge Jesus in key three areas of His identity: His divine sonship, political power and Messianic role (Luke 4: 1-13). It is as though Jesus was looking into the mirror at Himself to discern what kind of Saviour He should be.

For us, Lent is an opportunity to hold up a mirror to ourselves and ask the question, '*who am I?*' It's a season of honest encounter with who we are, what we've done, and how we should live. What will we see when we hold up the mirror to ourselves? Keeping Lent, the 40 days running up to Easter, could mean taking time to read Scripture, studying a Christian book or spending five minutes each day in silence! We might fast by missing one or two meals, refraining from TV, alcohol, social media, or scrolling on our phones. All of these can help us to give more attention to God in our lives.

Whatever we do, Lent is a season for self-reflection, as we put ourselves in a position to receive afresh the forgiveness and healing that God offers.

Easter opportunities to sing in Portsmouth Cathedral

GOOD FRIDAY – 18th April 2025

Come and Sing
The Crucifixion
by Sir John Stainer

- From 5pm – Arrive in Cathedral Nave
 - 5:30pm - Rehearsal in Quire
 - 6.30pm – Break
 - 7pm - Devotional Service:
'The Crucifixion'

EASTER CAROL SERVICE SUNDAY 27th APRIL

- From 4pm - Arrive in Cathedral House
for Tea/Collect music/Briefing
- 4.45pm - Rehearsal in Quire
- 5.30pm - Break
- 5.45pm - An Easter Carol Service

David Price

PARISH NEWS - COMMUNITY

WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

St Nicholas Church at 9.30am
4th Saturday of the month; a 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 are welcome.
www.bton.uk/dads

SLIMMING WORLD

We would like to thank Samantha and members of Slimming World for their very kind and generous donations to the Food Bank in January. A Slimming World group meets at St Nicholas Church on a Friday morning.

HAVANT MEN'S SHED

Havant Men's Shed is a building providing a large working space and garden in Fraser Road where men can meet, work and socialise shoulder to shoulder. Woodwork is one of the most popular activities, producing bird boxes and tables, bowls and many other items. They have constructed garden benches, including one for the Rowans Hospice and on Bidbury Mead.

"The aim is to undertake community projects as thanks for all the support people have given us."

Sheds are spaces where people can gather to share skills, share tools, share enthusiasm and share projects. Open in mornings 9am.

<https://havantmensshed.weebly.com>

Time for the Great Daffodil Appeal

Throughout the month of March, the end-of-life charity Marie Curie will once again be holding their annual flagship fundraiser, the Great Daffodil Appeal. There's only one chance to give someone the best possible end of life, to help fund care that makes that possible. Care that protects someone's dignity – instead of leaving them to die alone or in avoidable pain. More details:

Mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil



HAVANT REPAIR CAFÉ

The Café opens on the first Saturday of each month from 10am till 12.30pm at the Pallant Centre behind Waitrose. Items for repair can include electrical, mechanical, electronic, textile, soft furnishings and clothes, saving things from being sent to landfill.

For a small donation, your goods can be looked at and hopefully mended by one of the repairers, just as on the TV version. You may even learn a new skill or technique yourself!

We will be open on Saturday 1st March.

Changing a light bulb is a generational thing. Do you know how to clean a car,

change a light bulb, hang a picture and identify a spanner? If yes, then chances are that you are a Baby Boomer (1955-1964) and not a Gen Z (1997-2012). What is a Gen Z?

Find out next month.

WHAT A TREAT!

At the end of January, people came together in St Thomas Church on a Sunday afternoon to hear Chamber groups from the Havant Chamber Orchestra to perform music, some seldom heard, and what delights they were.

Following a welcome and introduction from Becky Hill, Chairman of the orchestras, we heard a World Premiere of a Fanfare specially written for the afternoon's performances. Composer Jonathan Yates on trumpet led the quartet in this rousing piece for two trumpets and two horns. More was to follow with a performance by the Woodwind group of a piece by York Bowen, an English composer and pianist born in February 1884 and died in 1961. He was considered to be one of Britain's finest pianists, but gradually became eclipsed by composers Holst and Vaughan Williams. Born in February 1884, York Bowen died in 1961. He was also a talented conductor, organist, violist and horn player. He was asked by a conductor of a Scottish orchestra, to write a work for flute, oboe, clarinet, horn and bassoon, the orchestra's soloists. However, York Bowen composed a Suite of three pieces for flute, oboe, two clarinets and bassoon. It was this suite that was next performed. Led by Helen Walton on flute and joined by Lucinda Willitts on oboe, clarinettists Rob Blanken and Jen Flatman with Richard Moore on bassoon. A most beautiful piece, so moving. York Bowen's amusingly quirky harmonic twists and turns pervade this work. It is well crafted and reflects York Bowen's experience as a wind player.



Then it was the turn of the larger wind group, an Octet for oboes, clarinets, bassoons and horns. Written by Hummel (1778-1837), a child prodigy and widely regarded as one of Europe's foremost virtuoso pianist. He received lessons from Mozart whose influence can be heard in his music. The octet partita was written when Hummel was aged about 24, just prior to his engagement by Prince Esterharzy of Eisenstad, but there are no records of its being performed during his lifetime. It is a delightful piece and ranks among the best of similar works.

After a short interval, it was the turn of the Strings, another Octet, a Partita in three movements written by Mendelssohn (1809-1847) at the age of sixteen. Led by 1st violinist Catherine Lawlor, the ensemble showed the colours indicated in Mendelssohn's score, the fortes and pianos, the emotions and moods, with the first violin almost like a soloist in a concerto. Towards the end of his life, Mendelssohn declared the Octet to be the favourite of all his compositions. We could hear why.

So often we go to orchestral concerts, hearing overtures, concertos and symphonies, and other pieces, but so rarely do we hear smaller groups performing such intricate and enjoyable music. Thank you to all those in the HSO groups. We look forward to next time.

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Havant Symphony Orchestra: "In Tune with Nature"; a concert for Wellbeing and Mindfulness: Saturday 22nd March, 2025 at 7.30pm at Oaklands School Concert Hall; with music by Vaughan Williams, Tchaikovsky, Delius, Florence Price and Shostakovich. We also look forward to the 60th Anniversary concert when local violinist, Catherine Lawlor, will be playing 'The Lark Ascending' with the Chamber Orchestra.

60th Anniversary Concert: From the Earth to the Sky

Saturday 10th May, 2.30pm. Sacred Heart Church, Waterlooville. PO7 7SR

Offenbach Can-Can, (from *Orpheus in the Underworld*)
Anon "Of the Earth" (*commissioned piece*)
Vaughan Williams The Lark Ascending (Catherine Lawlor - Violin)
Sibelius At the Castle Gate (Theme tune, *The Sky at Night*)
Debussy, arr. Black Clair de Lune
Mozart Symphony No 41, 'Jupiter'

havantorchestras.org

Carol Frogley

Solent Symphony Orchestra

Saturday 8th March, 2025

"Spring Classics"

Holst, Vaughan Williams

Flute Concerto – Reinecke

Played by Emme Hensel,

Concerto award winner of PFFA 2024

Portsmouth Cathedral

Havant Orchestras

New website: havantorchestras.org

"In Tune with Nature"

A concert for well-being and Mindfulness

Saturday 22nd March, 7.30pm

Oaklands School Concert Hall

*Vaughan Williams, Delius, Tchaikovsky,
Florence Price, Shostakovich*

Havant Chamber Orchestra

60th Anniversary

Saturday 10th May

"From the Earth to the Sky"

Sacred Heart Church, Waterlooville



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Portsmouth Music Festival 2025

New website, new name

Portsmouth Festival of Performing Arts

www.pfpa.org.uk

Strings (incl. Harps): Sunday 9th March, 9am

Crookhorn College

GALA CONCERT

Sunday 23rd March, 3pm

Crookhorn College

Chantry Choir

Monteverdi Vespers

Saturday 29th March, 7.30pm

Boxgrove Priory (nr. Chichester)

www.chantryquire.org.uk

Come and sing **Stainer's Crucifixion**
Portsmouth Anglican Cathedral. See p.5

HAVANT TREFOIL GUILD
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MARCH

TUESDAY

11

2 PM - 4 PM

2025

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-  A 40-60 Minute Talk
-  Tea, Coffee & Cake 
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-  Friends & Family Welcome
-  Entrance by Donation (£3 suggestion)
-  Cash Only Event

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COMMUNITY NEWS

MOTHERING SUNDAY

10th March, 2025

Mothering Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent, is the day for honouring our Mother Church, and has been celebrated since the Middle Ages.

If you ask Google for ideas of how to be nice to your church on that day, you won't find much. But if you want to be kind to your Mother that day, you will be spoilt for choice. High on all the lists are suggestions for taking her to lunch, giving flowers, a card, or paying for her to have a day doing something she loves.

Whatever you choose to do, probably the best thing to give your mother must surely be yourself: some time and some love.

The Mothers' Union says: "We know how important mothers, caregivers and grandmothers are, and how much they do to help their children, families and communities thrive, often unnoticed and without thanks."



THE GARDEN SHOWS 2025

Firle Place 18-20 APRIL Nr Lewes, E.Sussex
Easter Weekend BN8 6LP

Broadlands 6-8 JUNE Romsey, Hampshire

Rookesbury Park 25-27 JULY Wickham,
Hampshire PO17 6JR

www.thegardenshows.com

tickets@thegardenshows.com

The Gardener

Spring's a time for planting in the warming earth
Seeds and saplings growing at this time of birth.
Carefully we tend them, pulling out each weed
Watering and weeding every plant and seed.

Yet we are just helpers – nothing done alone
For without our Father, nothing will be grown;
He's the Creator, He alone can bring
Growth into our gardens each succeeding spring.

Let us praise our Maker who makes life appear,
Praise Him in the springtime, and throughout the
year;

Praise Him for all nature – ev'ry tree and flower
Gaze upon the garden, praise Him every hour!

God the gracious gardener cares for more than
plants

As to us, His children every breath He grants.
He that for salvation gave His only Son,
Do not fail to praise Him for all that He's done.

By Nigel Beeton

*This poem may be sung, to the tune Noel
Nouvelet, normally used for 'Now the green
blade riseth'.*

Guides

Kicking off 2025, 3rd Bedhampton Guides set the tone for their year ahead with a fun and refreshing sleep over at the Hayling Island Guide Hut. Run almost entirely by the girls, the sleepover included a wide game which required covertly returning Frosty's snow balls without being caught by the guards! The girls continued the evening with a classic game of Bingo before settling down to watch a movie before bed.

The following morning, the girls got stuck in, letting their creative juices flow with some crafts where they made their own cushions before finally finishing up the activities by eating a delicious stone soup. Each girl was tasked with bringing one vegetable and throwing it into the mix. The girls fully enjoyed themselves. We know that because they didn't wake any of the leaders! For some, it was the first time that they had spent away from their family home, and enjoyed their time with the Guides! The sleepover certainly has ramped up the excitement for this year's camp!

Rainbows

2nd Bedhampton Rainbows have enjoyed welcoming many new members since they moved to a Thursday evening in the autumn term. In November, the girls had a fun evening learning about Water Safety with Katy Sexton and Oliver Stubbs (authors of Gogglehedz) where they played games to learn about safety flags.

In December, they joined hundreds of other Guides setting sail to Motonui at an Odeon screening of Moana.



The title of our new group for families may bring back memories from a dubious 2000 chart hit, but the good news is that this new group is way more fun." Our Who Let The Dads Out? is for fathers, grandfathers, father figures and their children and is a place where male role models can have fun with their children, form friendships and find support. Men can have a massively positive impact on our young people, but let's be real, it is not always easy.

St Nicholas Church on Belmont Grove at 9.30am every 4th Saturday of the month. We have toys, games, crafts and breakfast including bacon sandwiches, vegetarian options and child-friendly snacks. It is aimed at children from birth to school year 3 but all are welcome.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES



www.1stbedhampton.co.uk

Despite the very wet weather last month, the sections have been able to be outside for some of their meetings. The Scouts managed a muddy wide game at Staunton Country Park, whilst the Cubs lit fires and cooked marshmallows and sausages in the car park. Not to be outdone, the Beavers lit candles and cooked their marshmallows over them.

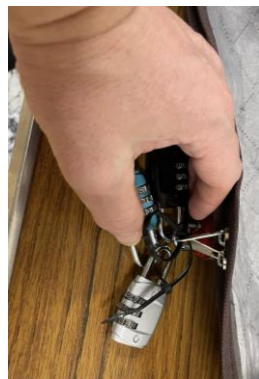


Both the Cubs and Beavers have celebrated the Chinese New Year by cooking and eating Prawn Crackers; the Cubs also cooked noodles and tried different sauces with them and had a try at Chinese writing.



The Scouts have entered an Escape Room; they all solved the clues and managed to escape.

The Cubs took part in The Big Garden Birdwatch and made their own fat balls to feed the birds, whilst the Beavers practised their knots using strawberry liquorice laces.



All sections are planning their camps and looking forward to the year ahead.

Judy Colwell

Palm Sunday visit

It was Palm Sunday, but because of a sore throat, five-year-old Bobby was kept home from church with his grannie. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds and Bobby asked them what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as He walked by," his father explained.



1st Bedhampton (St Thomas)
SCOUT GROUP



DUCK RACE

2025

Saturday 15th March



Along the Hermitage Stream

Stockheath Lane, Havant

Sponsor a duck for £1

**1st Prize £100 and many
other prizes**

The race will be start at 11am

Refreshments available.

Tickets from Section Leaders, members of
the Scout Group or Barbara Vosper
(Tel. no. 023 92474739: 07395004222)

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PUZZLE PAGE

Wordsearch – Lent and Mothering Sunday

March brings us Lent and Mothering Sunday. Lent is a time of spiritual self-assessment as we prepare for Easter. It is a time to turn to God, and to grow closer to Him. Mothering Sunday reminds us of not only the mothers that have loved and raised us, but of Mother Church, who has spiritually loved and nurtured us throughout our Christian pilgrimage. How many words can you find on these themes in this month's Word Search?



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| Lent | mothers |
| spiritual | love |
| easter | care |
| preparation | nurture |
| fasting | learning |
| prayer | teaching |
| desert | disciples |
| selfdenial | worldwide |
| repentance | flowers |
| seeking | thankyou |
| finding | nursing |
| growing | family |



FEBRUARY SOLUTION



Answers
next
month

BACK IN TIME in March

- 175 years ago on 5th March 1850, the Britannia Bridge linking Anglesey and mainland Wales across the Menai Strait was officially opened. Designed and built by railway engineer Robert Stephenson, it had to be replaced after a disastrous fire in 1970.
- 150 years ago, on 7th March 1875, the French composer Maurice Ravel was born. Best known for *Bolero*.
- 125 years ago on 28th March 1900, the British archaeologist Arthur Evans began excavating the ancient city of Knossos, capital of the Minoan civilisation, in Heraklion, Crete. Knossos is regarded as the oldest city in Europe. It was abandoned (unknown reasons) more than 3,000 years ago.
- 100 years ago, on 21st March 1925, Murrayfield Stadium in Edinburgh was officially opened.
- 90 years ago, on 16th March 1935, driving tests were first introduced in Britain. Three days later, on 19th March, a speed limit of 30 mph in built-up areas was also introduced, under the Road Traffic Act of 1934.
- 80 years ago, 24th March 1945, Operation Varsity took place in Wesel, Germany. The USA, Britain and Canada carried out the largest single-day airborne landing operation in history, involving more than 16,000 paratroopers and thousands of aircraft. Allied victory.
- 70 years ago, on 11th March 1955, Sir Alexander Fleming, Scottish bacteriologist died. Joint winner of the 1945 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for discovering penicillin.
- 60 years ago on 8th March 1965, the first US troops arrived in Vietnam. This marked the beginning of the USA's main involvement in the war.
- 60 years ago on 18th March 1965, Soviet cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov became the first person ever to make a spacewalk.
- 50 years ago on 26th March 1975, the Biological Weapons Convention came into effect. This multilateral disarmament treaty banned the development, production and stockpiling of all biological and toxin weapons.
- 40 years ago, on 3rd March 1985, British miners voted to return to work after a year-long strike over pit closures and job losses.
- 30 years ago, on 26th March 1995, the 'rogue trader' Nick Leeson was arrested for his role in the collapse of Barings, Britain's oldest merchant bank. Four days later, on 6th March, the Dutch bank ING purchased Barings, for the nominal price of £1.
- 20 years ago, on 10th March 2005, Dave Allen, Irish comedian, died.
- 10 years ago, on 12th March 2015, Terry Pratchett, British fantasy novelist best known for his Discworld series, died of Alzheimer's, aged 66.
- 10 years ago, on 24th March 2015, the Germanwings Flight 9525 crashed in the French Alps killing all 150 people on board. An investigation found that the co-pilot deliberately caused the crash. His doctor had declared him unfit due to suicidal tendencies, but he had reported for work anyway.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Remembering Dave Allen

Twenty years ago, on 10th March 2005, Irish comedian Dave Allen died – in his sleep, of sudden arrhythmic death syndrome. Allen – real name David Tynan O'Mahony – was best known for his observational comedy, but provoked indignation – sometimes outrage – by highlighting religious and political hypocrisy.

He was educated at the Catholic University School in Dublin, where he developed a disrespect for the disciplinary methods of the Roman Catholic Church. Later this extended to the Church of England: he was known for mocking their exercise of power rather than their beliefs, but he was certainly a sceptic, calling himself “a practising atheist – thank God”.

Although Allen became well known in many parts of the world, including Australia, it wasn't always a smooth path: he worked at one time in a toy shop in Sheffield and as a door-to-door salesman of draught excluders. But although he was also an actor, he became best known for his stand-up (or rather sit-down) routines involving a stool, a cigarette and a glass.

He said he was always bothered by the misuse of power, and in his native Ireland he was particularly controversial, both among some southern Catholics and Paisleyite Protestants. It may not have helped that he ended his act with the words “Goodnight, thank you, and may your God go with you.”



The Gulf of Mexico? Or America?

As well as Greenland and the Panama Canal (and perhaps Canada), President Trump wants the Gulf of Mexico. On his very first afternoon in office, he ordered that the name be changed to the Gulf of America.

Apparently American Presidents can do these things. And so, the US Board on Geographic Names was given 30 days to change the gulf's name on all official maps throughout the US. Some navigation apps, including Google Maps, were under pressure to change it immediately. Trump's reason for changing, he says, is that the ocean basin is “ours” and that the US does “most of the work there”.

But President Trump cannot dictate what other countries call the gulf, as it is an international body of water, with coastlines in the US, Mexico and Cuba. And Mexico and Cuba have no plans to follow Trump's lead. With that in mind, Britain has politely declined to change the name. In the UK, it will remain the Gulf of Mexico, unless and until Trump's new name for it gains “widespread usage” in English.

We are also aware that Trump has now announced trade tariffs with many countries.

Have any of our readers ever swum in the Gulf? Do you have a story to share?



NEW YEAR EVENTS

Our MU Annual General Meeting will be held on 28 January 2025 at 2pm at St Nicholas Church followed by afternoon tea.

Our programme for 2025 is as follows:

Holy Communion including Healing Prayer – 1st Wednesday of every month at 9.30m at St Thomas Church.

- 25 February : Caribbean Journey - Catherine Langhorn
- 25 March : Quiet Day - Revd. Judy Henning
- 22 April : Quiz and Beetle Drive
- 27 May : Camino Trip - Revd. Max Cross
- 24 June : Lucky Dip - Rona Doyle
- 22 July : Afternoon Tea at Stansted Park
- 26 August : MU Summer Lunch - The Castle, Rowlands Castle
- 23 September : My Testament - Revd. Jo Lorrimer
- 25 October : MU Annual Coffee Morning
- 25 November : A Talk on Journalism and Religion by Canon Angela Tilby
- 9 December : MU Christmas Lunch - The Castle, Rowlands Castle

We welcome new members and further details can be obtained from Marie Payne, Branch Secretary on 07929 776687 or at Margaretpayne11@hotmail.co.uk.

Marie Payne

4th March - Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day

The tradition of eating pancakes just before Lent dates back to Anglo-Saxon times, when Christians spent Lent in repentance and severe fasting. On the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the church bell would summon them to confession, where they would be 'shriven', or absolved from their sins, which gives us *Shrove* Tuesday. At home, they would then eat up their last eggs and fat, and making a pancake was the easiest way to do this. For the next 47 days, they almost starved themselves.

5th March - Ash Wednesday Lent begins with a 9.30am service at St Thomas.

The tradition goes back to Old Testament times when the Israelites repented for their sins by putting ashes on their heads to acknowledge the evil and damage done.

In the very early Christian Church people were turning to God for the first time and mourning their sins. But soon many other Christians wanted to take part in the custom.

Readings: Joel 2:1-2, 12–18, Matthew 6: 1-6, 16 – 21; 2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6:10)

COMMUNITY EVENTS



MOTHERS' UNION MARCH

*Wednesday 5th Holy Communion
9.30am at St Thomas*

*Tuesday 25th A Quiet Day
with Revd Judy Henning
All welcome*

Contact: Marie Payne: 07929 776687

The
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Society
Portsmouth

The Men who made Menswear

Speaker: Russell Nash

**Thursday 13th March 2pm
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Thursdays 9 – 11 am in term time

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THANKSGIVINGS

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Oakley Clark



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 11th March, 2pm: Canine Partners, St Nicholas Church. *(see page 9)*
 Sunday 15th March: Duck Race, Hermitage Stream
 Saturday 24h March: "Who Let the Dads Out?" at St Nicholas 9.30am. *(See page 11)*
 Sunday 27th April: APCM Annual Church Meeting at St Nicholas followed by bring and share lunch.
 Saturday 5th July: Bedhampton Summer Show

WEDDINGS



We wish every happiness for the future to those recently married

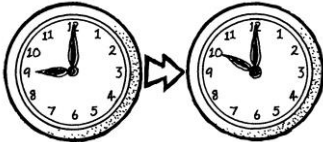
REST IN PEACE

We pray for the families of those who have recently died



CLOCKS CHANGE

Spring forward on Sunday 30th March.



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Services for MARCH 2025

SUNDAY 2nd

St Thomas 9.00 am
St Nicholas 10.30 am
 St Thomas 4.00 pm

(Sunday before Lent)

Holy Communion
Messy Sunday
 Compline

SUNDAY 9th

St Thomas 9.00 am
St Nicholas 10.30 am

(Lent 1)

Holy Communion
Morning Worship

SUNDAY 16th

St Thomas 9.00 am
St Nicholas 9.15am
St Nicholas 10.30am
 St Thomas 4.00 pm

(Lent 2)

Holy Communion
Bubble Church
Morning Worship
 Celtic Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 23rd

St Thomas 9.00 am
St Nicholas 10.30 am

(Lent 3)

Morning Praise
Holy Communion

SUNDAY 30th

St Thomas 9.00 am
St Nicholas 10.30am

(Lent 4, Mothering Sunday)

Holy Communion
Café Church

ON-LINE: at www.Bedhampton.church/tv and Facebook
On-line services are usually available for both services each week.

MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

Wednesday 5th	St Thomas	9.30 am Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday
Wednesday 12th	St Thomas	9.30 am Holy Communion
Wednesday 19th	St Thomas	9.30 am Holy Communion
Wednesday 26th	St Thomas	9.30 am Holy Communion

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