



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

***Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025***

*First Sunday in Lent*

**St Thomas'**

**9.00am Holy Communion**

Psalm 63

Luke 22.39-44

**St Nicholas'**

**10.30am Morning Worship**

2 Samuel 22.1-20

Matthew 7.13-14, 24-28

***Collect***

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Rector's Reflection***

At our Ash Wednesday service this week we reflected upon how we act towards one another as an opportunity to store up treasure in heaven. We wondered how we might use Lent to live out acts of service towards one another. At first glance this might seem a little inward looking when I am always reminding us how we need to be an outward looking Church community. Then I shared how someone once said to me that we will start seeing God's blessing in our parish when we smell good. Yes, I got some quizzical looks, but the explanation is clear, when we consider that it is the aroma of a community in the way they act towards one another that draws others to be part of it. I think we smell pretty good, by which I mean I am often encouraged by the way I see members of our Church family act towards each other. However, I wonder if this Lent we might lift a perfumed smell of worship towards God by doubling down on this and see how that impacts others as they observe our community and see Jesus in us.

## *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. The homeless in Bedhampton
3. James Road
4. Local delivery people
5. Ukraine and the Middle East

### **Those requesting prayer**

Janice, Ted, Paddy, Alan.

## *What's on*

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

**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> March***

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

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

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

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

### **New Wine Festival**

Max & Suzy will be at the New Wine Festival this summer. Six days of gathering to encounter the Holy Spirit across all ages. 30 July - 4 August 2025. It's not too late to book in with our partner church St Jude's, Southsea. Book at [festival.new-wine.org](http://festival.new-wine.org)

### **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 Parochial Church Council. For more information speak to Max.

### **Romans Sermon Series**

Our current sermon series has a accompanying book by Andrew Ollerton from The Bible Society. "Romans: A Letter That Makes Sense of Life", is available from all the usual places.

### **Nominate Us For A Grant**

Our insurance is having their annual giveaway. You can nominate us to receive a £1000 grant at zero cost to you by going to [www.bton.uk/nominate](http://www.bton.uk/nominate)

### **Singles Afternoon Tea**

For whatever reason, you are a single person attending our Church you are invited to an afternoon tea. 3pm, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 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.

### **Duck Race 2025**

This year the Duck Race is on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 11am. Please support our Scout Group by sponsoring a duck for £1. You can watch it race along the Hermitage Stream near Stockheath Lane. 1st Prize £100 and many other prizes. Tickets from Section Leaders & members of the Scout Group.

### **Canine Partners Talk**

Havant Trefoil Guild invite you to a talk given by Canine Partners. Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm at St Nicholas'

## ***Next Week. Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025***

*Second Sunday in Lent*

**St Thomas'**  
**9.00am Holy Communion**  
Romans 5.1-11

**4.00pm Celtic Prayer**

**St Nicholas'**  
**9.15am Bubble Church**  
**10.30am Morning Worship**  
Romans 5.1-11

*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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