



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

Sunday 30th March 2025
Mothering Sunday

St Thomas'
9.00am Holy Communion
Psalm 91
John 19.25-30

St Nicholas'
10.30 Café Church
Psalm 91
John 19.25-30

Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Curate's Comments

As Mother's Day approaches I came across an article entitled "Crucifixion Amnesia" which, amidst the celebration of the joy for many, bemoans the lack of acknowledgement and sensitivity of the pain experienced by some. It stated: "Why does the sword that pierces her heart, receive no notice on Mother's Day?" referring to Simeon's warning to Mary. For many, mothers and children, the celebration can evoke sadness for loss (of opportunity or bereavement) or alternatively mixed feelings. The following statement certainly rang true for me "The vast majority of mothers look back on the road they have come with heart gripping joy and equally heart-gripping regret." This also acknowledges the complexities for us as the receiving children. Researching on, I loved Cyprian's image, that hopefully all of us can find comfort in, of the church as mother of believers: "as such, she conceives, bears, nourishes, and instructs her children". Galatians 4:26 echoes this "But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother". Wishing you peace and love this Mother's Day.

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. Park Lane dental clinic
3. Knox Road
4. Forty Acres estate
5. Ukraine and the Middle East

Those requesting prayer

Janice, Ted, Paddy, Alan, Keith

What's on

Wednesday 2nd April

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 3rd April

9.00am Fun Club. St Nicholas' Church

10.00am Online Holy Communion. www.bton.uk/tv or Facebook.

Friday 4th April

10.30am Coffee & Cake. St Nicholas' Church

Easter Flowers

If anyone would like to make a donation towards our Easter flowers, in memory of a loved one, please speak to Ann or Marie.

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.

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.

Singles Afternoon Tea

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

Clock Change

Remember to put your clocks forward an hour! Otherwise you'll be late for church!!

St Thomas' Big Easter clean

We are cleaning St Thomas' ready for Easter on Thursday 10th April, from 10.30am. If you can help please let Deb know, or just turn up on the day!

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

Lego

We would like to occasionally offer a lego table at some of our family services. If you have any lego that is not in use and you would like to donate it to this cause, please contact Deb in the office.

Summer Show Memories

Do you have memories or photos of the summer show you can share? We are collecting together a history of the summer show and would welcome all your input. You can drop anything of to the parish office or send it to Max on Max@Bedhampton.church

Next Week. Sunday 6th April 2025

5th Sunday in Lent

St Thomas'
9.00am Holy Communion

Isaiah 43.16-21

John 12.1-8

6.00pm 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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