



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

***Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025***  
*5<sup>th</sup> 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**

### ***Collect***

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

### ***Rector's Reflection***

Suzy and I recently refreshed ourselves on the names of God in our morning devotions. Names that both Jewish people and Christians have used down through the centuries. It was a wonderful reminder of just who God is and perhaps one of my favourites is El Roi, the God who sees me. I am not sure where you find yourself at the moment. It may be in a place of joy and celebration or a place of pain and suffering. It may be that you feel that no one knows you or what is going on. It may be that God even seems distant in those moments, but we can be assured that despite how it may feel, our God, El Roi sees and cares. Interestingly, a previous reader had scribbled a note in the book we used for our devotions: "God's promises are in his name". God sees you; that is a promise in his name.

## *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. Bedhampton Summer Show
3. Larchwood Avenue
4. Havant and South Downs College
5. Ukraine and the Middle East

### **Those requesting prayer**

Janice, Ted, Paddy, Alan, Keith, Peter, Arthur

## *What's on*

### ***Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April***

**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 10<sup>th</sup> April***

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

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

### ***Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

Please bring your own lunch but tea/coffee and cakes will be provided.

### **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.

### **High Tide**

The next High Tide Youth gathering will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 7.00-9.00pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn.

### **St Thomas' Big Easter clean**

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

### **The Bedhampton Big Quiz!**

It's back! The one, the only, the Bedhampton Big Quiz! It is at St Nicholas', Belmont Grove.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm.

Will your team be holding the Bedhampton 2025 Quiz trophy at the end of the evening? Tickets are £5 a person on the night. Please book in with Deb in the parish office.

### **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)

### **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](mailto:Max@Bedhampton.church)

### **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.

## ***Next Week. Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025***

### ***Palm Sunday***

**St Thomas'**  
**9.00am Holy Communion**

Isaiah 50.4-9a  
Luke 23.1-12

**St Nicholas'**  
**10.30am Café Church**

Isaiah 50.4-9a  
Luke 23.1-12

*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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