

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

Sunday 13th April 2025 Palm Sunday

St Thomas' 9.00am Holy Communion Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29 Luke 19.28-40 **St Nicholas' 10.30am Café Church**Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29
Luke 19.28-40

Collect

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

Rector's Reflection

I awoke on Monday with the song King of Kings, Majesty circling around my head. Declaring that someone is above you may be out of vogue, but that does not mean it isn't so. This Sunday, we shout 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" There is a freedom that comes in devotion to the one who is above all things, the one who came to do the very thing we could not do. The weight of striving is lifted and transformed into devotion. Society may say your worth is based upon your output and your usefulness to them, but God says you are worth him coming to this earth just for you. This week, we shout Hosannah, knowing Friday may get dark, but we don't lose hope because next Sunday is coming. All this is from the King of kings because God says before you do anything, you are worth it.

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. School holidays
- 3. Lester Avenue
- 4. Easter services
- 5. Ukraine and the Middle East

Those requesting prayer

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

What's on

Tuesday 15th April

2.00pm St Nick's Flicks. St Nicholas' Church. All welcome. Refreshments will be available.

Wednesday 16th 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 17th April

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

Friday 18th April

10.30am Coffee & Cake. St Nicholas' Church

2.00pm Good Friday service. St Thomas' Church

May Men's Breakfast

The next Men's breakfast will be on 3rd May, 9am at St Nicholas'. There will be a full English breakfast with other options. Please let Max or Deb know if you can make it.

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. 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.

Parish Safeguarding Officer

In the not too distant future we will be in need of a Parish Safeguarding Officer. If you feel that this could be you please speak to Max or Mike Turner for more information.

The Bedhampton Big Quiz!

It's back! The one, the only, the Bedhampton Big Quiz! It is at St Nicholas', Belmont Grove. Saturday 17th 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

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

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 20th April 2025 Easter Day

St Thomas'
10.30am Easter Day
Holy Communion
Acts 10.34-43

St Nicholas' 9.15am Easter Bubble Church

Acts 10.34-43 Luke 24.1-12

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

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