



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

***Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025***  
*Easter Day*

**St Thomas'**  
**10.30am Easter Day**  
**Family Holy Communion**  
Acts 10.34-43  
Luke 24.1-12

**St Nicholas'**  
**9.15am Easter Bubble Church**  
The Easter Story And  
The 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday Of Bubble Church

### ***Collect***

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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

Before the Easter holiday, I shared with a group of school children the importance of Easter to me as a follower of Jesus. They gasped as I explained that Christmas was wonderful and fun, but Easter Day is life-defining. Without Easter, Jesus is just a wonderful teacher who came and showed us the way that God would have us be. Image bearers of God's love to those around us and into our neighbourhood. However, Easter changed everything. When Jesus died upon The Cross and rose again, he did so many things, the least of which was to beat death for himself. Perhaps the greatest was that he also beat death for us, drawing us into a place and a time where we can once again be united with the God who has always loved us. Loved you. CS Lewis once wrote that Jesus was either a lunatic, a fiend, or he is God. It is Easter that shows he is your God. Let this Easter be the Easter that makes the difference for you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

## *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. Your Neighbours to know Jesus
3. The Homeless
4. Your Family to know Jesus
5. Ukraine and the Middle East

### **Those requesting prayer**

Eileen & Alan Newman, Janice, Ted, Paddy, Alan, Keith, Peter, Arthur

## *What's on*

### ***Wednesday 23<sup>rd</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 24<sup>th</sup> April***

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

### ***Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April***

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

### ***Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April***

**9.30am Who Let The Dads Out?** St Nicholas' Church.

### **Last Call For Electoral Roll**

The electoral roll is the closest the Church of England get to a members' list. It would be great to have you on it and **this weekend** is your last opportunity to do so. Because this year is a complete refresh of the roll you need to reapply if you have not done so already in 2025. You can complete the application at [www.bton.uk/roll](http://www.bton.uk/roll) or by filling in a paper today and handing it in.

### **May Men's Breakfast**

The next Men's breakfast will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **Annual Meeting (APCM)**

Next 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.

### **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 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 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter***

**St Thomas'  
Whole Church Celebration  
at St Nicholas'**

**St Nicholas'  
10.30am  
Whole Church Celebration  
Holy Communion**

*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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