



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

Sunday 27th April 2025
2nd Sunday of Easter

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

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10.30am
Whole Church Celebration
Holy Communion
Hebrews 10.19-25
John 13.34-35**

Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

Rector's Reflection

"Good job", "well done", and "I appreciate that" can be as slow to come out of our mouths as perhaps the even more important words, "I love you". Somehow we have convinced ourselves that the would-be recipients of such affirmations know we feel that way. This is, of course, complete twaddle and certainly not the way of Jesus. St Paul proclaims, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice!" We celebrate what others do in God's Kingdom because it is acknowledged that God is at work in them and his Kingdom. It is a form of worship of our Lord. This weekend is a celebration of all that God is doing in Bedhampton as we look back over the last year and forward over the next. Perhaps you will spot something or someone I will miss. Just maybe that might be God's Spirit encouraging you to share that appreciation with them. So, to encourage you to encourage them, let me use more words from St Paul. "Let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

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. Thy Kingdom Come
3. Lodge Road
4. Lone parents
5. Ukraine and the Middle East

Those requesting prayer

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

What's on

Wednesday 30th 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 1st May

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

Friday 2nd May

10.30am Coffee & Cake. St Nicholas' Church.

Thy Kingdom Come

Between Ascension Day on 29th May and Pentecost on 8th June, we will be praying to discover God's plans for our parish. I encourage you to prioritise these eleven days of prayer in your life. You can pray with others every day through informal prayer or led prayer. You can pray individually with our prayer stations or using our daily devotions, and in many other ways. See details at www.bton.uk/tkc

Annual Meeting (APCM)

Our APCM and celebration will not now involve lunch but tea/coffee and cakes will be provided. Reports will be available at www.bton.uk/APCM

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 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 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 4th May 2025

3rd Sunday of Easter

St Thomas'
9.00am Holy Communion

Micah 4.1-4
Luke 15.18-24

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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