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Appreceation

My daily devotional recently covered Matthew 9:10-11, where Jesus is having dinner and "many tax collectors and sinners came". "When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?". Clearly the guests experienced Jesus as loving and safe. They were either actively seeking Jesus or simply overjoyed by his presence. These are not people who are satisfied with who they are or what they do. The Pharisees, on the other hand, were being judgmental of others but not willing to see the flaws in their own attitudes and work as they tried to enforce their earthly rules as "the way".

As I was reflecting on this, some lovely carers stated in a TV documentary that they were often, and hurtfully, referred to as "just a carer". How sad that some have a distorted view of such valuable work helping the lonely, the sick and the elderly. Although I carry out far less important work, my personality is frequently prejudged as a "boring accountant". Jesus loves us and gives us all different aptitudes and talents so that our society can function (both thanks to employees and volunteers). Proverbs 22:4 comes to mind: "Humility is the fear of the Lord; its wages are riches and honour and life."

Let's show appreciation to ALL the people who help us! We need each other!



Bubble Church is a free puppet-packed, Jesuscentred coffee-and-croissant fuelled 30 minute kids and families adventure.

Bubble Church at Bedhampton Parish is on the third Sunday of every month at 9.30am at St Nicholas' Church, Belmont Grove.



Pause And Pray

A time to pause and gather together to pray for our Borough for 1 hour.

Monday 12th May, 6 - 7pm at St Thomas', Bedhampton.

All welcome

BEDHAMPTON CALENDAR

Why not take some local photos for a Bedhampton calendar.

Keep taking photos – anything of interest around Bedhampton. They may be submitted for any year.



All are welcome to Messy Church which usually take place on each first Sunday of the month, 10.30am at St Nicholas' Church. There are craft activities, songs and stories for the whole family.

Refreshments available.



St Nick's Flicks

will meet again on

Tuesday 20th May

1.45 for 2pm at St Nicholas' Church

A free film show with refreshments. Enquiries to Parish Office.

All welcome - no need to book.

FAMILY NEWS

We send our good wishes to all those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this month!

Including: Geoff Nellthorp.

Cover: The Heart Of Our Community



The Bedhampton Big Quiz!

It's back! The one, the only, the Bedhampton Big Quiz! It is at St Nicholas' on Belmont Grove at 7pm on Saturday 17th May. 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 if you would like to come along. Use the contact form to book it at www.bton.uk/quiz or contact the Parish office at Hello@Bedhampton.church or on 023 9248 3013.

Who Let The Dads Out?

Run by Dads for Dads! It is for fathers, grandfathers, father figures and their children. A place where you can have fun, form friendships and find support. We have toys, games, crafts, breakfast (including bacon sandwiches) and a place to chat. It is aimed at children



from birth to school year 3 but all ages are welcome. Who Let The Dads Out? is on the fourth Saturday of the month 9.30am at the small hall in St Nicholas Church in Bedhampton. Come on down and join the rest of us Dads.

In Bedhampton Parish we seek:

- To be part of the whole community, building relationships and seeing God's Kingdom come.
- To be a place where the community gathers for celebration and commemoration from birth to grave.
- To enable all ages to grow in discipleship and faith in small groups whilst giving and receiving support, love and practical help.
- To be a place where all ages gather together to worship God in a range of expressions.

PARISH NEWS

Manna - Animated Christian Devotionals

Jonny Hall is a professional animator who has worked on some of Hollywood's biggest blockbusters in collaboration with Disney and Marvel, including Guardians of the Galaxy, Maleficent and Gravity, on which he was part of the team which won an Oscar and a BAFTA for 'Best Visual Effects'. On top of that, and perhaps even more importantly, he is the son of our very



own Rev Peter and Rosalynd Hall. Jonny is stepping out in a new, exciting venture to reach the younger adult generation in their desire to know more of who God is. Jonny reflects on how they got here and what the future holds:

"Manna aims to engage young people with God's word through high-quality, animated devotionals that provide visual appeal as-well-as rich spiritual nourishment. Manna will be a useful resource for churches as-well-as an effective evangelistic tool. We want to see people go deeper with God and inspire them to discover him for themselves.

The vision was birthed from my passion for the bible and skillset in animation. For a long time I couldn't see how these two things could blend together because I was



interested in the nuances and details of scripture rather than animating children's bible stories. It was only after writing devotionals for our church WhatsApp group did the idea for Manna come into fruition. Since then a team of us produced a pilot episode, and having spoken to various Christian organisations it was recommended

that we make an initial three episodes to show a solid proof-

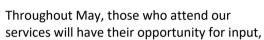
of-concept. The long-term goal is to make 365 devotionals (of which over 50 have been written already) and cycle them throughout the year.

I'm delighted to say that thanks to many generous supporters, the next episode is currently in production as I seek additional funding to complete the third."

Visit www.manna-productions.com to view the website, the pilot episode, sign up for the newsletter and support future episodes.

Your Views Matter

In Bedhampton Parish, we say that we are here serving the community of Bedhampton by sharing God's love and friendship. It's a wonderful purpose, but without action, it is simply a sentiment. That is why we are reviewing what it means for us to live this out in Bedhampton, and that is where you come in, particularly if you don't come to our Sunday services.





but we want to capture all the great ideas from everyone in Bedhampton. So, what do you believe we as a local Church can be doing to fulfil that purpose in Bedhampton? Where should we be, what should we be doing, and whom can we help? If you have some ideas of what that is, Max the Rector is keen to hear you. You can email him at Max@Bedhampton.church or catch up with him for a chat.



Thy Kingdom Come

This May we cry out to our God in prayer for our community here in Bedhampton.

We love Bedhampton and want to see the best for the people here. Between Ascension day on 29th May and Pentecost on 8th June Thy Kingdom Come is a coming together in prayer of those who love our community. All are welcome and there are all sorts of opportunities. You can pray individually or in community.

Prayer Stations: Everyday between 9am and 4pm at St Thomas' on Bidbury Lane.

Daily Prayer: Informal prayer at St Nicholas' and led prayer as St Thomas' as well as online.

Deanery Pilgrimage Walk: Wednesday 4th June. **Beating the Bounds:** Saturday 31st May we will be walking the boundary of our parish as we pray.

Plus many other ways to pray for our community. Go to **www.bton.uk/tkc** for more information.

PARISH NEWS - MISSION



Christian Aid

Our mission charity for May is Christian Aid. This year Christian Aid week stories take us to Guatemala, a country dealing with immense challenges.

- Over half of the population work in agriculture, yet Guatemala is a hunger hotspot.
- Guatemala has one of the highest rates globally of stunted development in children.
- Guatemala is one of the 10 countries in the world rated most vulnerable to climate emergencies.

In the indigenous farming communities of the Alta Verapaz region, the community's livelihoods, their traditions and very survival are threatened by deadly drought, savage storms and industrial plantations that monopolise the water supply and deforest the land.

The climate crisis is causing both the dry and rainy seasons that would once arrive with predictability, to intensify and shift erratically. As a result, vital crops are failing, plunging farming families into hunger and poverty.

Aurelia Is an inspirational farmer of the Q'eqchi community. She has eight children, many grandchildren and lives with one of her sons and his wife. Aurelia moved to the region when she was two years old: 'Things are very different then there was an abundance of trees plants and wild animals such as monkeys. There was lots of water close to the community and it wasn't that hot.' The water



sources that were near Aurelia's home have been drained dry by heatwaves and industry. Now, collecting water for her crops is laborious and time-consuming.

PARISH NEWS - MISSION



Extreme weather is destroying Aurelia's farm. She worries deeply about how much produce she'll have to eat and to sell: 'Climate change has been killing our crops, and this is our food'. It is testimony to Aurelia's endurance and hope that she proactively set out to find solutions.

When Aurelia discovered the work of our partner

Congcoop she put herself forward to attend the specialist agricultural training which was on offer. With Congcoop's support, Aurelia learned to adapt her farming to the changing climate.

She now grows climate - resilient crops, produces fertiliser, and builds rainwater collection systems. By changing the way she farms, Aurelia is fighting the climate crisis and restoring her families food security. She's also leading her community by sharing the skills and knowledge she's gained. It is vital that our program with Congcoop continues, so that more farmers like Aurelia can build their resilience to extreme weather and take back control of their harvests.

The unstoppable power of hope is in the hands of farmers like Aurelia who is leading her community to overcome their challenges.

You can donate to the work of Christian Aid on line at: www.christianaid.org.uk
You can also do so at one of our Mission
Sunday services on 18th May.







Bedhampton Summer Show - A Brief History

For over 50 years the Bedhampton Summer Show has been organised to provide a free entry, fun day out for the local community. Since 1974, on the first Saturday of July at 2.00pm the show is opened and the people of Bedhampton and the surrounding area gather on Bidbury Mead to enjoy the spectacle. Previously, the show, not quite in the same format as today, was held in the Manor Garden and even at the Rectory.

The Summer Show Committee under the umbrella of the church for charity registration, insurance and accounting purposes, continue with the organisation each year. An army of volunteers from the local community help make it all happen in the lead up right through to the closure of Bidbury Mead at end of the show.



In later years, the Summer Show Committee nominates a charity of their choice to receive a donation. All other proceeds from the show helps supplement the charity work of the church. Until 1984 the show was formally opened by the current Miss Bedhampton followed latterly by a succession of Havant's Mayors. The show has featured stalls, side shows, refreshments, arena events and until the early 2000's a Show Tent.

Over the years thousands of visitors have enjoyed browsing and purchasing from the stalls, watching arena events, taking refreshments and trying their luck at games, tombolas and raffles. Portsmouth City Band have provided the musical accompaniment to the proceedings for many years now, giving enjoyment for visitors taking in refreshments in the adjacent area.

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the local bobbies wanted a photo with Nelson.

Arena events have included dogs, birds, field gun crews, marching bands, dancers, reenactment groups, escapologists, circus acts and gymnastic clubs.

The Arena is also used for the children's Fancy Dress Parade, childrens races and riotous Tug-of-Wars with dozens of family members on each side of the rope.

The Show Tent housed competitions for a variety of categories for both children and adults. Certificates were awarded in classes including painting, handwriting, cooking, wine making, flower arranging, photography and handcrafts. The tent was delivered and erected on Bidbury on the eve of the show with volunteers from the local scout

group camping out to guard it overnight.

The weather hasn't always been kind. Torrential rain has put dampers on things on several occasions. For those who were there in 2008, who will forget the sight of the Egyptian dancing group squelching barefoot around the



The Gun Crew in action has been one of the many arena events

arena and agility dogs slipping from the obstacle course. High winds have presented problems with gazebos flying in all directions and volunteers in pursuit. Despite these setbacks most of the memories are of glorious summer days with everyone enjoying the show.

The show has its own Facbook page and now new website which you can check out at: www.bedhamptonsummershow.co.uk & www.fb.me/bedhamptonsummershow

HAVANT REPAIR CAFÉ

The Café opens on the first Saturday of each month from 10am to 12.30pm at the Pallant Centre behind Waitrose. Items for repair can include electrical, mechanical, electronic, textile, soft furnishings and clothes, saving things from being sent to landfill. For a small donation, your goods can be looked at and hopefully mended by one of the repairers, just as on the TV version. You may even learn a new skill or technique yourself!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Portsmouth Baroque Choir

A German Requiem by Brahms Saturday 10th May 2025, 7:30 pm Romsey Abbey Tickets, £10, £5 from portsmouthbaroquechoir.co.uk

Havant Symphony Orchestra:

60th Anniversary Concert: From the Earth to the Sky. Saturday 10th May, 2.30pm. Sacred Heart Church, Waterlooville. PO7 7SR

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Bedhampton Community Centre



Hayley Gillians who is the Centre Manager for our local community centre in Bedhampton Road needs our help.

Hayley says:

"We are looking for some trustees to help govern our centre and help to move it forward. We need peple who have the desire to make a difference in our community, those who are enthusiastic about making a change. We are particularly looking for someone with leadership and accounting interests but this is not essential."

Contact Hayley to find out more.

Nicene Creed

This year is the 1700 anniversary of the Nicene Creed one of the most important documents in the world. It has shaped Christian belief for the past 1700 years, affecting hundreds of millions of lives. In 325 the First Council of Nicaea was held in what is now Iznik, Turkey. It was the first ecumenical council of the Christian Church.

Athanasius is the theologian behind that creed, and his feast day falls on 2 nd May. Athanasius (296-373) was born into a prosperous family in Alexandria in Egypt, and entered the ministry. He was 29 years old when he accompanied Alexander, the bishop of Alexandria, to the Church's first great ecumenical Council, at Nicaea in 325. There he saw the Council debate the Person of Christ. How was He the Son of God and also Man? Did He really exist before He was born? If we worship Him, does that mean that we are worshipping two Gods? For the next 45 years Athanasius' devotion, scholarship, and forceful leadership established the Nicene Creed in the Christian Church. His enemies, both in Church and state, conspired against him, and he was exiled five times from the See of Alexandria and spent a total of 17 years in flight and hiding.

Athanasius' name will always be linked with the triumph of New Testament Christology over every form of reductionism (lessening of the Person of Christ.)

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



This month has been exciting and packed with lots of fun things for all the sections. Beavers have been growing cress and then made sandwiches with the cress and lots of yummy fillings a couple of weeks later. In between Beavers have made some lovely tulip paint prints on cards for their mums for Mother's day.

The Beavers managed a trip to Havant Fire Station but unfortunately, it only lasted 10 minutes due to them having to go on a call but we went to Havant Park for the remainder of the evening and have rebooked for May.

1st Bedhampton Scout



Cubs have been on a nice Spring Walk. They have also enjoyed decorating Mother's day pots and planted some pretty flowers. The Cubs have also learnt how to tie lots of knots and have enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt to finish before the Easter holidays.



The scouts have been busy doing a blindfold drop off hike (some got slightly lost but were found). Cubs and Scouts are looking forward to their Easter Camp over the Easter holiday.

Wordsearch - Nicene Creed

Being the 1700 anniversary of the Nicene Creed this months wordsearch is all about creeds.

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Answers next month



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MOTHERS' UNION



LENT EVENTS

We held our March branch meeting on Tuesday 25 March. At this time of year this meeting is usually known as our 'Quiet Day' a time for reflection and bible study. Revd. Judy Henning very kindly agreed to officiate and chose The Passover meal as our topic and how this led into what we know as the Last Supper. We began the afternoon with the Mothers' Union prayer.

The Passover meal or Seder is held to celebrate the story of Exodus when Jews were led out of Egypt by Moses leaving slavery behind them. Each part of the Seder is symbolic of the celebration of freedom from bondage: from sorrow to joy; from darkness to great light and from slavery to redemption.



Members At The Seder Meal

Judy set a long table and provided us with service sheets so we could participate in the ritual. On each plate we had a piece of pitta bread [in place of unleavened bread]; parsley and horseradish. During the meal we also sampled Haroset which is a pastelike mixture of fruit, nuts, cinnamon and wine representing the clay from which the Israelites made bricks for the Egyptians. Throughout the meal a number of psalms are recited and four cups of wine are taken which represent the four promises from God:

I will bring you out.....

I will deliver you......

I will redeem you......

I will take you for my people and I will be your God.

Thankfully we substituted water for the wine or we might never have got home!!!

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During the meal the youngest member of the family is encouraged to ask questions about the Seder and is told the events of the Exodus, so the story is passed from generation to generation. We learned the names of the different parts of the ceremony and how the bread or Matzah is divided into three parts with the middle or Aphifromen, being hidden in a small piece of cloth for the children to find later on. The name Aphifromen is loosely translated as dessert. After supper Tzafun [or finding the Aphifromen] takes place and is a symbol of looking for the 'coming one' or Messiah.

At the Last Supper during the part of the Seder where the Tzafun takes place, Jesus would have taken the bread in his hands and proclaimed that he was the Messiah. He celebrated, what we now call Holy Communion with his disciples and after the Seder was concluded they went to the Mount of Olives.

In a real Passover meal, the Cup of Elijah would be filled as the door is opened briefly to see if Elijah is waiting to come in to announce the arrival of the Messiah but, at the Last Supper, Jesus had proclaimed himself as the Messiah.

As you may imagine there was a great deal of discussion after Judy concluded the proceedings with us having learned in greater detail how the Last Supper had been part of the Seder but how Jesus had declared to the disciples who he was, explaining what would be taking place and celebrating with them the first Holy Communion.

We welcome new members and further details can be obtained from Marie Payne, Branch Secretary on 07929 776687 or at Margaretpayne11@hotmail.co.uk.

Marie Payne Branch Secretary

Revd. Judy Henning & Ann Partridge



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MOTHERS' UNION

May

Wednesday 7th Holy Communion 9.30am at St Thomas

Tuesday 27th Camin by Rev Max Cross

Contact: Marie Payne: 07929 776687





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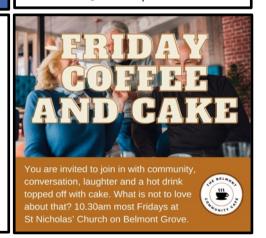
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THANKSGIVINGS

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We welcome into the Church Family Debjoy-Bow Hayward



WFDDINGS



We wish every happiness for the future to those recently married

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the families of those who have recently died



THANKS

Thank you to Christine and Tony Mayes and to all those who distribute the magazines throughout the area. Thank you to all our readers and we hope you continue to enjoy reading the news and articles that we bring you.

Dates for your diary

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Saturday 24th May: "Who Let the Dads Out?"

at St Nicholas 9.30am.

Saturday 17th May: The Big Bedhampton Quiz

at St Nicholas 7.30pm.

Thursday 29th May – Sunday 8th June:

Thy Kingdom Come

Saturday 5th July: Bedhampton Summer Show

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Magazine



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Services for MAY 2025

St Thomas 9.00 am Holy Communion
St Nicholas 10.30 am Messy Sunday
St Thomas 6.00 pm Compline

SUNDAY 11th (The Fourth Sunday of Easter)

St Thomas 9.00 am Holy Communion St Nicholas 10.30 am Morning Worship

SUNDAY 18th (The Fifth Sunday of Easter)

St Thomas 9.00 am Holy Communion
St Nicholas 9.15am Bubble Church
St Nicholas 10.30am Morning Worship
St Thomas 6.00 pm Celtic Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 25th (The Sixth Sunday of Easter)

St Thomas 9.00 am Morning Praise St Nicholas 10.30 am Holy Communion

ON-LINE: at www.Bedhampton.church/tv and Facebook On-line services are usually available for both services each week.

MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

Wednesday 7thSt Thomas9.30 am Holy Communion (M.U.)Wednesday 14thSt Thomas9.30 am Holy CommunionWednesday 21stSt Thomas9.30 am Holy CommunionWednesday 28thSt Thomas9.30 am Holy Communion

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