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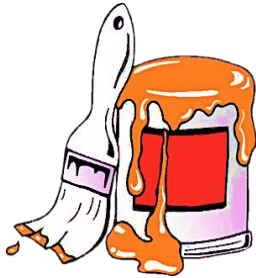


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## **Pentecost**

When Jesus was preparing the disciples for the time when he would no longer be with them on earth, he said to them, "I will ask the Father and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever", ( John 14, v.16). I wonder who the disciples were expecting? Given all the disciples had witnessed in the company of Jesus, the walking on water ; the miraculous healings, they will have been anticipating someone or something very special.

The disciples witnessed Jesus ascending into heaven (forty days after His resurrection) and afterwards returned to the room at which they were staying in Jerusalem, and "They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary....and his brothers" (Acts 1, v. 14). We can only guess at the content of their prayer, but it is probable they included requests for the arrival of the promised Counsellor.

It was only another ten days later that the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit arrived. Acts Chapter 2 describes the dramatic arrival of the Holy Spirit. The disciples were gathered together " in the same place" when they heard the sound of the blowing of a violent wind from heaven which filled the whole house in which they were sitting; and the sight of what appeared to be tongues of fire resting upon all of them"; and they also received the gift of speaking in tongues, other than their own. (Acts Chapter 2, verses 1 to 4 )

At this time Jerusalem was crowded for one of the three major festivals of the Jewish year, the Feast of Weeks which is a festival of thanksgiving for harvested crops. These festivals were attended by many people of Jewish origin living outside of Israel, as well as by the residents. Verses 6 to 11 of Acts Chapter 2 lists the many parts of the world in which the visiting Jews lived. These visitors were amazed to hear the disciples speaking in languages they understood.

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The disciple Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, addressed the crowd telling them about God pouring out the Holy Spirit upon all people, and also about the life, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Peter encouraged the listeners to repent of their sins and to be baptised. His speech must have been powerful, for 3,000 people were baptised that day.

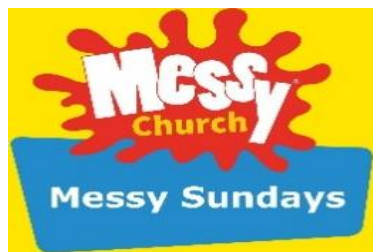
We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, 50 days after the resurrection, this year on 8th June. Pentecost is considered by many people to mark the birth of the Christian Church. Many of the 3,000 baptised on the first Pentecost remained faithful when they returned home from the festival and they spread the Good News amongst family and friends, creating a network of worshippers, meeting, not at churches, but in small groups in homes.

In John verse Chapter 7, verses 37 to 39, Jesus declares that anyone who believes in Him receives the Holy Spirit, perhaps not in a manner as dramatic as the disciples experienced, but the Holy Spirit is within us to give help and guidance. How?

Consider the fruit of the spirit (Galatians Chapter 5, verses 22 and 23), love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self control. So, next time when you perform an act of kindness or respond to a call for a volunteer to help, allow the Holy Spirit take control.

The Holy Spirit knows our strengths and weaknesses and leads us accordingly.

Mike Tritton  
*Church Warden*



Bubble Church is a free puppet-packed, Jesus-centred 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.

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.

### Pause And Pray

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

Monday 9th June, 6 - 7pm

At URC Hollow Lane, S.Hayling Island.

PO11 9EY. All welcome



### St Nick's Flicks

will meet again on

**Tuesday**

**17th June**

1.45 for 2pm

at St Nicholas' Church

A free film show with refreshments.

Enquiries to Parish Office.

All welcome – no need to book.



St Nicholas Church at 9.30am on the 4th Saturday of the month; a new group for fathers, grandfathers, father figures and their children. It is a place to find fun, friendships and support. We have toys, games, crafts and breakfast including bacon sandwiches. It is aimed at children from birth to school year 3 but all are welcome.

[www.bton.uk/dads](http://www.bton.uk/dads)



### FAMILY NEWS

We send our good wishes to all those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this month, including Peter Hirsch, and Alice Vosper who will be one year old.



### 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.



*Cover: Pentecost: the Holy Spirit comes*

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### A statement following the death of Pope Francis

*The Archbishop of York has issued a statement following the news of the death of Pope Francis. Here are excerpts from that statement:*

“‘Let us walk together, work together, pray together.’ These are the words Pope Francis said to me when we met in 2023. They sum up his vision for the church, both the Roman Catholic Church but also ecumenically.

“Francis’s whole life and ministry was centred on Jesus who comes among us, not to be served, but to serve. We saw that in Francis’s service of the poor, his love of neighbour especially the displaced, migrant, the asylum seeker, his deep compassion for the well-being of the earth and his desire to build the church in new ways. Francis showed us how to follow Jesus, and encouraged us to go and do likewise.

“His encyclicals and teachings were supported by his deeds and actions. His whole life was instantly recognisable as those of one who followed Jesus.

“Pope Francis was acutely aware of the divisions between our churches, and I remember the powerful work he did with the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and the Moderator of the Church of Scotland in promoting peacebuilding in South Sudan.

“I remember, in the brief times I spent with him, how this holy man of God was also witty, lively, good to be with, and the warmth of his personality and interest in others shone out from him. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Right Rev Stephen Cottrell

On 8th May, following several sightings of black smoke from the Vatican, white smoke was seen meaning that the Cardinals had agreed on a successor to Pope Francis. It was then revealed that he is Robert Provost, a Peruvian from Chicago, to be known as Pope Leo XIV, the first American Pope ever to be elected.

### CLERGY NEWS

Rev. Jill Kingston, former curate from our parish, is moving on from her year at St Francis’ Leigh Park to Corhampton in the Meon Valley. The Church was built around 1040 and has no dedication. We send Jill our love and good wishes for her new ministry in that parish.

Meanwhile, Rev. Jo Lorimer, our own Curate, is to be ordained Priest in Portsmouth Cathedral on Saturday 28th June at 4pm.

The services are traditionally held during Petertide (29th June), a feast day that remembers the martyrdom of Saint Peter. He was the fisherman who became a devoted disciple of Jesus, and who then went on to be an instrumental figure in the early Church in Jerusalem. Ordinations this summer will be held in a variety of cathedrals across the country.

### Deanery Pilgrimage Walk: Wednesday 4th June.

Day 3 of our Thy Kingdom Come pilgrimages brings us to Havant deanery. Pilgrims will begin their walk at St Peter's Church in Hayling Island and walk to churches in Havant, Bedhampton, Crookhorn, Waterlooville and Hart Plain, before ending at Catherington.

**We'll be praying together as we walk around, taking time to pray at every stop on the way as listed in this schedule.**

The pilgrimage will end with a Pentecost Celebration Prayer service in All Saints Church, Denmead, at 7pm. Walkers and non-walkers are welcome to this.

#### **Programme for the Pilgrimage – join and leave at any point**

- ❖ **9am:** St Peter's Church, Hayling Island – *Morning Prayer*
- ❖ **10.15am:** St Nicholas' Chapel, Langstone – *prayer*
- ❖ **11am:** St Faith's Church, Havant – *coffee and prayer*
- ❖ **12noon:** St Thomas' Church, Bedhampton – *prayer*
- ❖ **1pm:** Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn – *lunch and prayer*
- ❖ **2.40pm:** St George's Church, Waterlooville – *prayer*
- ❖ **3.30pm:** Hart Plain Church – *coffee and prayer*
- ❖ **5.00pm** All Saints, Catherington – *Evening Prayer*

Followed by:

- ❖ **7pm: All Saints, Denmead:** *Pentecost celebration Service*
- ❖ **Beating the Bounds:** On **Saturday 31st May** we will be walking the boundary of our parish as we pray. Meet at St Thomas' at 10.00 am or join us along the way.

More details from the Parish Office.

<https://Bedhampton.church/tkc/>

#### **THY KINGDOM COME - 29th May to 8th June**

**Prayer Stations:** Every day 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.

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# MISSION

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SPECIAL COLLECTION – Sunday 15th June  
At St Thomas and at St Nicholas Churches

## No Limits

### Helping Young People Help Themselves

No Limits offers free, confidential information, advice and support to young people under 26 in Southampton on a wide range of issues including mental health, housing and homelessness, education and employment, money and substance use.

Our Advice Centre on Southampton High Street is open across six days and for over 40 hours each week. Young people can drop in, talk to a youth worker and get support for anything that's on their mind without having to have an appointment. No Limits also offers counselling, support groups and 1:1 support throughout Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. All of our support is free, confidential and non-judgemental and aims to provide holistic support for all the issues the young person might be facing.

### **Your fundraising makes the difference.**

We support around 7,000 young people each year with our free services. However, these services aren't free to deliver - it takes over £4 million every year to run No Limits and that is why your fundraising support is vital, helping us to continue helping vulnerable children and young people in Hampshire.

The Mission Team

Next month's charity will be Tear Fund.

## **A.P.C.M.** Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our APCM was held on Sunday 27th April, after our 10.30am service at St. Nicholas'.

Before the meeting Rev Max thanked people for all that they do and had a bit of fun giving out some awards.

Our treasurer gave a brief overview of the audited accounts for 2024 and also thanked everyone who had helped with fund raising during the year.

Thanks were also conveyed to all who financially support the mission of our church.

Alec Matthews and Roy Payne were thanked for the work they undertake to maintain both churches and to Mick Facer for ironing the church linen.

Ann Partridge has stepped down as Church Warden and Sandra Matthews has taken up the role. Christine Hirsch, Ann Partridge and Rebecca Vosper were elected to the PCC (Parochial Church Council) and Colin Hawkes and Nicola Quick continue to be the PCC representatives on Deanery Synod.

Rev Max's final comment... "God is blessing us and we're doing great."





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### Want some more information?

Visit our website to find out more about the work that No Limits is doing in your community and how you can support us.

Just go to [nolimitshelp.org.uk](http://nolimitshelp.org.uk)

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# PARISH NEWS

## NEWS from the MUTTON FAMILY

We realised it had been a while since we last updated you all on how we are. Life feels like we are spinning plates;;, just as you think you are about to find a new normal another plate appears! It's been a lot but we are always growing and learning!

### Muttons

Life has felt full. We started the year thinking and praying about a plan for the year, we started the year excited but also exhausted. Living here in Uganda is a joy but also has a certain level on intensity to it. We realised we have now lived here for 6 years as we moved here in May 2019. We have only been back to the UK for weddings and giving birth so far and had a few extended breaks in East Africa inbetween. We realised if our life will continue to be sustainable we need space as a family to breathe and reset. Zara-Grace has just started school so our best time to travel is in July. Therefore we are taking a month out as a mini sabbatical. We had hoped to go on a retreat week or go to a conference but costs made it a bit difficult, plus Sam's new church work commitments. So, we will be in Kenya for a month in July with the intention to retreat, to rest, to discern and pray about our future. We hope that we can rest as well as be intentional about our growth and development! Please do pray for us during July specifically as we reset and that we would really hear from God.



### Family News

- Zara-Grace started school, it is a sweet international pre-school and Sam walks Zeeg to school every morning. It's around 15 minutes walk away!
- Both our mums came to visit in March. Mum (Louise) was able to help with the Women's Day event which was really special, reconnecting with so many in the community. We enjoyed being able to live life with her and the kids loved having Grandma time! Jo (Mother in Law) also came out after to celebrate Arabella turning 3 which was special! She was able to have lots of time with the kids and blessed us with lots of goodies too!
- Sam started playing padel and got hooked! He has enjoyed being part of tournaments and finding some new friends!
- Chloe found some new friends and started a mums workout group every week. It has slowed down now people have started travelling but it has been a nice routine!
- We celebrated Zeke turning 1, Arabella turning 3 and Sam turning 33!
- Zara-Grace started sleeping through the night in her bed which feels like a miracle!!

### Community

If you have been following our Musizi Newsletter you would have seen a lot of sadness. We have struggled with severe flooding, deaths of children in our communities, multiple still births, friends with liver failure and our baby Kalim we told you about last year also died. It's been a pretty tough season in the community. Our whole team have felt overwhelmed at times. Life is full of ups and downs and being committed to being alongside others brings those ups and downs into your life too. As a team we thank God for our commitment and relationship to Baby Kalim, by the time we reached (3 hours after he died) no-one had done anything. We went to the police, chairman of the area and arranged the burial. It was emotionally so awful but we are so thankful that Musizi Joy was there as I don't know what would have happened if not. Mama Kalim didn't have enough money to even pay for the burial. Moments like this remind us of the fragility of life but also that beautiful story of Esther.

### Church

It has been a funny season at Church. The Church have been looking for a Senior Pastor for the past 5 years and the leadership has changed a lot over the years due to the transient nature of living here for many of short term contracts. This means that when it comes to finalising on a pastor, it is very dependent on the leadership team and who is around. Just a few weeks ago they finalised on a new Senior Pastor at Church. It has been a long process of interviews and questions and ultimately has brought a lot of stress to Church life. Not everyone is in agreement, and it's been challenging with relationships at Church and knowing how to move forward.

Youth work specifically has been a joy though, being involved with bi-weekly youth events and planning various events for them. Sam has some interns now which has been a huge stress reliever when it comes to children's work as he now knows he has enough volunteers each week rather than me (Chloe) always stepping in!

### Cycling

After the opening of the Bike Park, it's continued on a good trajectory. People use it weekly and it continues to be a blessing to so many. The cafe has been going steady, not yet made profit but that is okay. Big Give fund-raising was able to secure staff contracts for the year which was a huge blessing.

There are lots of new ideas and hopefully bike rentals will be secured this year which will make a huge impact for the Bike Park but the logistics aren't always as straight forward as you'd think. We have been sending 2 of our lads on mechanic training; they now have some opportunities to put their skills to use soon so that will be great to see!

If you'd love to pray for us, here are our key things; Wisdom and rest in July; Energy; Our Continued Good Health and our Finances. We love hearing your life updates too!

Lots of love from Sam, Chloe, Zara-Grace, Arabella & Zeke

A colorful poster for the Bedhampton Summer Show. At the top, a string of orange, pink, and blue triangular bunting hangs across the frame. In the top left corner is a smiling yellow sun with rays. In the top right corner is a circular logo with the text 'Bedhampton Summer Show' around a sun icon, and below it, 'A local community event for everyone'. The central focus is a large yellow speech bubble containing the text 'JOIN US AT THE ANNUAL Bedhampton Summer Show SATURDAY 2PM TO 5PM 5TH JULY 2025'. To the left of the bubble is a pink scalloped circle with 'FREE ENTRY'. To the right is a yellow and orange striped balloon. Below the bubble is a pink scalloped circle with the text 'Bring cash, leave your car at home'. In the bottom left is a large orange and yellow striped tent with a blue flag and a purple entrance. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds. At the bottom, there is a green grassy area. The footer contains contact information, social media icons for Facebook and Instagram, and a charity number.

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**Bedhampton Summer Show**

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## Bedhampton Summer Show

We are looking forward to the Bedhampton Summer Show on Saturday the 5th July from 2pm until 5pm. The Show takes place on Bidbury Mead Recreation Ground next to St. Thomas' Church in Old Bedhampton, PO9 3JG. It is run by the local community and for the benefit of the local community, parish and charities. This year, in addition to the parish, the charities selected are The Bedhampton Volunteers and Stop Domestic Abuse. More information on the show can be found at <https://bedhamptonsummershow.co.uk> on its new website.

Here is your chance to get involved before and on the day. We would love for you to be part of the day. If you could manage or help serve on a stall, get in touch. Perhaps you could help set up in the morning or pack away at the end of the day, then please do get in touch. Contact Deb in the parish office at [hello@bedhampton.church](mailto:hello@bedhampton.church) or on 023 9248 3013 weekday mornings. In addition, watch out on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bedhamptonsummershow](https://www.facebook.com/bedhamptonsummershow) for donations that we need for the stalls.

Whatever you do, we look forward to seeing you on the Day.

Max Cross



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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Portsmouth Choral Union

#### **A Night at the Opera!**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June, **7.30pm**

David Russell Theatre

Portsmouth Grammar School

*Favourite choruses: Verdi, Bizet, Borodin*

Portsmouth Baroque Choir

#### **Gibbons 400**

**Saturday 5th July, 7.00pm**

Venue: Christ Church, Chichester

Old Market Avenue

#### **Havant Symphony Orchestra**

Last Night of the Proms

**Saturday 12th July, 7.30pm**

*Walton, Gordon Jacob, Britten, Bliss,*

*Henry Wood, Arne, Parry, Elgar*

Oaklands School Concert Hall,

Waterlooville

Website: [havantorchestras.org](http://havantorchestras.org)

#### **Renaissance Choir**

##### **Miserere**

Allegri, James MacMillan, Palestrina

**Saturday 12th July, 7.30pm**

Church of the Holy Spirit, Southsea

#### **Solent Symphony Orchestra**

Saturday 27th July, 2025, 7.30pm

*Elgar, Beethoven*

St Peter's Church, Petersfield

#### **Portsmouth Festival of Performing Arts**

**Piano Recital – Menuhin Room**

**Portsmouth Central Library**

Prize winning pianist: **Mia Drover**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 3 pm**

Debussy, Ravel, Beethoven

[www.pfpa.org.uk](http://www.pfpa.org.uk)

#### **PETWORTH FESTIVAL**

##### **Chantry Quire**

**'The Passing of Time'**

**Saturday 19th July, 12 pm**

**St Mary's Church**

The Passing of the Year – Jonathan Dove

Birthday Madrigals – John Rutter

And music by Gjeilo, Ešenvalds, Todd

[www.chantryquire.org.uk](http://www.chantryquire.org.uk)

[info@petworthfestival.org.uk](mailto:info@petworthfestival.org.uk)

#### **THE GARDEN SHOWS 2025**

**Broadlands 6-8 JUNE** Romsey, Hampshire

**Rookesbury Park 25-27 JULY** Wickham,

Hampshire PO17 6JR

[www.thegardenshows.com](http://www.thegardenshows.com)

[tickets@thegardenshows.com](mailto:tickets@thegardenshows.com)

#### **The Manor Trust**

Coffee Morning and Book Sale

Summer Fair

Heritage Open Days

Tuesday 10th June 10am – 12pm

Saturday 2nd August, 1pm – 4pm

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th September



[www.1stbedhampton.co.uk](http://www.1stbedhampton.co.uk)

### • • • SPRING CAMPS

After much preparation, the Easter camps went well. Even the weather was kind! Groups had spent time practising putting up their tents and learning about other skills and equipment at camp. Once on site, tents were successfully erected and the areas laid out. Food was prepared and enjoyed by all.



Fun was had around the camp fires, playing games and toasting marshmallows.



A telephone box was used to phone home to reassure families that all was well. (Mobile phones were not allowed!)

Many thanks to all the Leaders and helpers for a wonderful time.



# PUZZLE PAGE

## Wordsearch – Pentecost: Sunday 8th June

The story of Pentecost is found in Acts 2. After the Ascension of Jesus, the disciples had obeyed His command to stay in Jerusalem and to 'wait for the promise from the Father'. Jesus said this would be the 'baptism of the Holy Spirit', but the disciples had no idea what that meant. They soon found out! Acts tells us that at about 9 o'clock one morning, a sound like a rushing wind from heaven suddenly filled the house, and divided tongues as if of fire rested on each one of them. The Holy Spirit had come down and filled them with His divine power! Praise, preaching and witnessing followed that morning – and the Church was born.



Pentecost	Morning
Trinity	Glory
Jerusalem	Waiting
Disciples	Place
Praying	Wind
Tongues	Father
Power	Son
High	Holy
Fires	Spirit
Flames	Eternal
Languages	Wine
Praise	Nine
Drunk	

MAY SOLUTION



Answers  
next  
month



### BACK IN TIME in June

- 500 years ago on 13th June 1525, German Protestant Reformer Martin Luther married Katharina von Bora, a nun whom he had helped to escape from a convent.
- 250 years ago, on 23rd June 1775, the first Thames Regatta was held in London.
- 250 years ago, on 14th June 1850, the Second Continental Congress established the Continental Army which later it became the United States Army. On 15<sup>th</sup> June, George Washington, who would become first President of the USA, became the Army's Commander-in-Chief. This army would defeat the British army, and America would declare independence the following year, on 4th July 1776.
- 175 years ago on 24th June 1850, Herbert Kitchener, the 1st Earl Kitchener, was born. This Irish-born British Army officer and politician became Secretary of War during WW1.
- 150 years ago, on 3rd June 1875, George Bizet, French Romantic composer, died of a heart attack at 36. Best known for his opera *Carmen*.
- 90 years ago, on 1st June 1935, driving tests became compulsory for all new drivers in Britain.
- 75 years ago, on 11th June 1955, the first successful ascent of Annapurna in the Himalayas was made. It was a French expedition and the first successful ascent of a mountain over 8,000 metres. Annapurna is the tenth highest mountain in the world.
- 70 years ago on 11th June 1955, the Le Mans disaster took place. A car spun off the track during the Le Mans 24 Hour race in France, and the driver, Pierre Levegh, and 83 spectators were killed, with 100 more injured. It was the greatest loss of life in the history of motorsport; however the race was not stopped but continued.
- 65 years ago on 28th June 1960, the Six Bells Colliery disaster took place in Monmouthshire Wales. 45 coal miners were killed by a gas explosion.
- 50 years ago on 7th June 1975, the first Cricket World Cup to be held in England began.
- 50 years ago on 18th June 1975, the first North Sea oil was pumped ashore to Britain.
- 40 years ago, on 2nd June 1975, UEFA banned all English football clubs from playing in European competitions following the Heysel Stadium disaster of 28th May. The ban was lifted after five years.
- 30 years ago, on 25th June 1995, Ernest Walton, Irish physicist died. He was the first person to split an atom.
- 25 years ago, on 10th June 2000, the Millenium Bridge opened in London. It closed for a while two days later, when it was found to sway uncomfortably when people walked in step.
- 15 years ago, on 28th June 2010, the US Supreme Court ruled that American citizens have the right to own a gun, regardless of which state they live in. The right is protected by the Second and the Fourteenth Amendments. There are an estimated 393 million privately owned guns in the USA, and about 340 million people.

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-  Raffle Fundraiser for the RNLI
-  Friends & Family Welcome
-  Entrance by Donation (£3 suggestion)
-  Cash Only Event

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TEXT ON 07804238663**



### NEW YEAR EVENTS

MU events have continued this Spring with a mixture of Easter preparation, talks and fun afternoons. We are looking forward to hearing from our Rector about his walks on the Camino Pilgrimage and also to our visit to Stansted Park for our Afternoon Tea.

We meet for Holy Communion on the first Wednesday of every month at 9.30m at St Thomas Church, and the fourth Tuesday of each month for a talk or other activity.

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

### **Fathers' Day - SUNDAY 15th JUNE: what we most value in our fathers**

Father's Day is a day to honour and appreciate our fathers and father figures, such as grandfathers and fathers-in-law. Many of us will make a special effort to see them on the day. No two fathers are alike, of course, but various polls across the internet reveal some interesting similarities of what people have most valued in their dad.

These traits include: being dependable, approachable, protective, patient, affectionate, honest, willing to listen, compassionate, and having spent time with them when they were young. That's quite a list! People whose fathers had even some of those strengths have a lot to be thankful for.

Thankfully, our Father in Heaven certainly has all those traits. Jesus said the Father is totally dependable and protective of us, longs for us to turn to Him, and is full of compassion and love. And we are to call Him 'Abba' - Daddy!

Whilst Mothering Sunday has been celebrated for hundreds of years and linked to the Church, Father's Day is a little more recent. Mother's Day is celebrated world wide in May but not in a religious context.

Father's Day probably originated in the US and there are several stories of how it started. The most popular, and likely account, is that it started with a woman called Sonora Louise Smart in Washington. After her mother died in childbirth with her sixth child, her dad brought up the family. In 1909, Sonora heard a speech in church about Mother's Day and thought dads should also be celebrated. Several local clergymen accepted the idea and it's believed that 19th June 1910 was the first unofficial Father's Day.

In 1966, US President Lyndon B. Johnson decided the third Sunday in June should be Father's Day. However this date is not kept world wide.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



### MOTHERS' UNION JUNE

*Wednesday 4th Holy Communion  
9.30am at St Thomas*

*Tuesday 24th Lucky Dip  
with Rona Doyle  
2pm at St Nicholas  
All welcome*

*Contact: Marie Payne: 07929 776687*

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The  
Arts  
Society  
Portsmouth



### The History of American Art 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence

*Speaker: Marie-Anne Mancio*

**Thursday 12th June 2pm**  
at the Spring Arts Centre, Havant

### St Nicholas Belmont Grove Bedhampton



**C**ome and join us  
**O**nce a week  
**F**riday morning  
**F**rom 10.30 to 12 noon  
**E**njoy coffee or tea and cake  
**E**veryone welcome

## THANKSGIVINGS

## BAPTISMS

*We welcome into  
the Church Family*

## WEDDINGS

*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*



## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 10th June, 2pm: Talk: RNLI  
St Nicholas Church. *(see page 16)*

Saturday 5th July: Bedhampton Summer Show  
Bidbury Mead 2pm.

## JULY 2025

### Magazine



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## Services for JUNE 2025

### **SUNDAY 1st**

St Thomas            9.00 am  
*St Nicholas*        10.30 am  
 St Thomas            6.00 pm

### **( Sunday after Easter )**

Holy Communion  
*Messy Sunday*  
 Compline

### **SUNDAY 8th**

St Thomas            9.00 am  
*St Nicholas*        10.30 am

### **( Pentecost )**

Holy Communion  
*Morning Worship*

### **SUNDAY 15th**

St Thomas            9.00 am  
*St Nicholas*        9.15am  
*St Nicholas*        10.30am  
 St Thomas            6.00 pm

### **( Trinity Sunday; Mission Sunday)**

No service  
*Bubble Church*  
*Morning Worship (joint service)*  
 Celtic Evening Prayer

### **SUNDAY 22nd**

St Thomas            9.00 am  
*St Nicholas*        10.30 am

### **( First Sunday after Trinity )**

Morning Praise  
*Holy Communion*

### **SUNDAY 29th**

St Thomas            9.00 am  
*St Nicholas*        10.30 am

### **( Second Sunday after Trinity )**

*St Peter and St Paul*  
 Holy Communion  
*Morning Worship*

**ON-LINE:** at [www.Bedhampton.church/tv](http://www.Bedhampton.church/tv) and Facebook

*On-line services are usually available for both services each week.*

## MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

### **Thursday 29th May:**

<b>Ascension Day</b>	St Thomas	9.30 am Holy Communion
<b>Wednesday 4th</b>	St Thomas	9.30 am Holy Communion
<b>Wednesday 11th</b>	St Thomas	9.30 am Holy Communion
<b>Wednesday 18th</b>	St Thomas	9.30 am Holy Communion
<b>Wednesday 25th</b>	St Thomas	9.30 am Holy Communion

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