

Sunday 27th September 2026

Welcome to the United Benefice		
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	St Stephen's	St Nicholas'	St John's
Sunday 27th	9.00am - Communion	10.30am - Communion with Joseph Vambe from Christian Aid	10.30am - Morning Prayer
Sunday 4th Harvest	10.30am - Family service	10.30am - Communion	10.30am - Communion
Monday 5th		11.00am - Funeral of Joan Jones	

Please keep the following in your prayers this week:	
St.Nicholas'	Stan Rodgers, Maureen Hollands, Nathan Jackson, Emilia, Joy Pinnegar, Stuart Cleaver
St.Stephen's	James Frost, Joyce Brown, Alex and Freya
St.John's	Basil McFarland, Fiona Mackenzie, Barbara Burch, Shirley Kemp, Coral Denyer, Sue & Chris Farr, Chris McPhail, Edgar, Pauline Ginner
Let us also remember those who have recently died.	Dennis Caffyn, Jennifer Marks, Joan Jones

Notices and Events
HARVEST - the harvest appeal is for Welcare which is a Diocesan charity that provides support for struggling families in our area. All donations of food will go to the foodbank.
FOODBANK UPDATE The foodbank at St. Matthew's, Redhill is now helping about 200 people a week. Donations can be left at The Rectory. No perishables, out of date food, alcohol or medicines. Macaroni Cheese, Tinned Meat, Teabags, Squash, Juice, Oil.
COFFEE & COMPANY - Tuesday 1 st September - 10.00am to noon at St Stephen's Church Hall.
Ploughman's and Quiz - Friday 2 nd October at 7.00pm - CANCELLED due to low numbers booked
Fish and Chip Supper Friday 9 th October at 7.00pm - £20 per person at the White Hart Barn. Organised by the Friends of St Nicholas. Book a place with Karen at karen.mclean@btinternet.com
Harvest Arts & Craft display. Calling all creative people, and any creative friends and neighbours, to display items in St Nicholas from Fri 2nd - Sun 4th Oct. The church will be open for the whole weekend, so we will be asking people to sign up on a rota to welcome visitors throughout the weekend. For more info, ask Helen on 07796 918300
Sunday 11th October - baptism of Henry Goodfellow at 12.30pm at St Nicholas
Sunday 18th October - Gemma Curran from the Diocese will be coming to talk about regular giving to St Nicholas and also about legacies.
Bingo at St John's Hall - Friday 23 rd October at 7.00pm - £6 for book of 6 tickets
Save the date! Sunday Social Lunch with entertainment 25 th October at 12pm. £12 adults £6 children. Please book via 01737 822312 or st.nicholasfundraiser@gmail.com

Please donate to one of our churches

St Nicholas



St Stephen



St John



Collect

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Philippians 2.1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you

both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Matthew 21.23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.