

Sunday 29th May 2022 – 7th Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO THE UNITED BENEFICE OF ST NICHOLAS GODSTONE,
ST STEPHEN SOUTH GODSTONE AND ST JOHN BLINDLEY HEATH

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 29th May 2022- Holy Communion & on YouTube at St Stephen's Church 9.00 am

Sunday 29th May 2022- Holy Communion at St John's Church 10.30 am

Sunday 29th May 2022- Morning Prayer at St Nicholas Church 10.30 am

Tuesday 31st May 2022- Weekly Coffee Morning at St Stephen's Church 10 am – noon

Thursday 2nd June 2022- Singing Group at St John's Church, Blindley Heath 7 pm – 8 pm

Friday 3rd June 2022- **Jubilee Celebration** on Godstone Village Green 2 pm – 8.30 pm

Sunday 5th June 2022- Holy Communion (BCP) at St Nicholas Church 9.00 am

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Sunday 5th June 2022- All Age Service at St Stephen's Church 10.30 am

Sunday 5th June 2022- **Queens Platinum Jubilee Cream Tea** outside St John's Church Hall – bring a picnic and your own drink 2 pm – 6 pm

Sunday 5th June 2022- **Jubilee Evensong** at St Nicholas Church 6.30 pm

PRAYER LIST

St Nicholas' – Daphne Hughes, David Collins, Roger Bedford, Stan Rodgers, Felicity Gresser, Maureen Hollands.

St John's - Hugh Hunter, Janie Reed, Basil McFarland, Nicky Tredennick, Daphne Faulkner, Fiona Mackenzie, Nicki Butler & husband Danny, The Benefice link with Rutendo in Zimbabwe

St Stephen's- Alan Kearton

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYER, THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

NOTICES

During the next weeks, we will be continuing with the internet services on Sundays at 9.00 am.

Other services as shown under Dates for Diary

FOODBANK UPDATE

The Foodbank at St Matthew's, Redhill remains very busy, supporting about 110 families a week. Recent and ongoing price rises, especially gas and electricity, puts extra pressure on all families. There will be families who have been able to manage up till now, who will need help from the Foodbank.

Donations can be left at The Rectory
There is a shopping list on <https://www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk/shopping-list> which will tell you the items that are needed most. Please NO perishable food, out of date food, alcohol or medicines.

Most needed items THIS week:-
Meat (inc. Hotdogs), Oils, Toilet Rolls, Soap, Shampoo

Please also consider donating money instead of food as this enables stocks to be topped up as needed. Details are on the Foodbank website. Please contact Liz Windridge for more information email liz@godstonebenefice.org.uk

A bereavement group started on **16th May**, meeting at **St John's Church 10 am to 12 noon** and now it will be held every first and 3rd Monday of each month. Meet people who know how you are feeling or call Pat **01342 844312** or Jackie **01342 834550**.

JUBILEE CREAM TEA – outside **St John's Church Hall on Sunday 5th June 2pm – 6pm**. Live Band playing 50's, 60's, 70's music. Free face painting, Children's Fancy Dress optional. All welcome. No admission fee – donation welcome.

All enquiries concerning Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Home Visits and Home Communion to:
Revd Peter O'Connell (contact details above)
Items for this news sheet to Philippa March email benefice@godstone.net
godstonebenefice.org.uk



St Nicholas Church, Godstone

Collect

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

First Reading

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

After midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your

household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.
Acts 16.16-34

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel

Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading

**Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord**

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them.'
John 17.20-26

Post Communion – Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

GARDEN PLANTS FROM SALLY!

– she tells us that as there is no return to Café Connect in the near future, She will take orders by phone or email (details below) and will kindly deliver them to our homes as last year or they can be collected from her nursery in Felbridge by arrangement.

Sally says that there will be other plants available such as Sweet Pea and Vegetable plants.

Do contact her to find out the up to date list of plants now available

**Danecourt Nurseries, 81 Copthorne Road,
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