

Sunday 10th April 2022 – PALM SUNDAY

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 10th April 2022 – PALM SUNDAY:-

Holy Communion Service St Stephen's Church & on YouTube 9 am

Holy Communion Service at St John's Church 10.30 am

Holy Communion Service at St Nicholas Church 10.30 am

Monday 11th April 2022:- Funeral – Philip Bodle at Crematorium 4.15

Monday 11th April 2022:- Compline with reflection at St Stephen's Church 7.00 pm

Tuesday 12th April 2022:- Coffee & Company St Stephen's 10 - noon

Tuesday 12th April 2022:- Funeral at St Nicholas Church – Mrs Jane Cameron - followed by committal at Godstone Burial Ground. 1 pm

Tuesday 12th April 2022:- Compline with reflection at St Nicholas Church 7.00 pm

Wednesday 13th April 2022:- Holy Communion (BCP) at St Mary's Chapel, Godstone 10.00 am

Wednesday 13th April 2022:- Compline with reflection at St John's Church 7.00 pm

Thursday 14th April 2022:- Funeral at St John's Church – Kathleen Puttick 12 noon

Thursday 14th April 2022:- Holy Communion (CW) with foot washing at St Nicholas Church 7.00 pm

Friday 15th April 2022 – GOOD FRIDAY:- Family Worship at Godstone Baptist Church with procession to Green 10.30am

Friday 15th April 2022 – GOOD FRIDAY:- The Final Hour at St John's Church 2.00 pm

Sunday 17th April 2022- EASTER DAY:- Dawn Service at Windy Gap, Godstone 6.00 am

Holy Communion Service at St Stephen's Church 9.00 am

Holy Communion Service at St John's Church 10.30 am

Holy Communion Service at St Nicholas Church 10.30 am

Tuesday 19th April 2022: Funeral St Nicholas Church – Eric Smith followed by committal Godstone Burial Ground 2 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
Mrs Jane Cameron Philip Bodle
Mr Eric Smith Kathleen Puttick

NOTICE

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. The ending of the Furlough scheme and the reduction in Universal Credit has probably increased the need.

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:-

Tin Soups, Noodles, Teabags, Crackers, Cooking Sauces.

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

The Lent Lunch at **St John's, Blindley Heath** raised **£140** for the Lent appeal – Tents for refugees. We would like to thank all those that helped make this a success.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt at **St John's Church** after the 10.30 am Easter Sunday Service on 17th April.

CAFÉ CONNECT held last Saturday raised **£1,105.00** for the **Ukraine Appeal** – an amazing achievement. Next month's Café Connect is for Christian Aid.

Friday 29th April 2022:- Skittles Evening at **St John's Church Hall** including Fish & Chips (**£10**) - bring your own drink. All most welcome. Please contact Joan Wall on wall858@btinternet.com for tickets or Trevor Nightingale 07739100857

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

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory

Palm Gospel

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" Just say this: "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.' As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out'
Luke 19.28-40

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 shall 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.

Philippians 2.5-11

**This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God**

Passion Gospel

*Please remain standing for the
Gospel Reading*

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

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, 'We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king'. Then Pilate asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' He answered, 'You say so.' Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, 'I find no basis for an accusation against this man.' But they were insistent and said, 'He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.'

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with the soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. The same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, 'You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him'.

They all shouted out together, 'Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us' (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, 'Crucify, crucify him!' A third time he said to them, 'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.' But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voice prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As he led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and waiting for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us", and to the hills, "Cover us" For if they do this, when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?.....'

Luke 3.1-49

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in the obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

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ON 7TH MAY, REVD PETER WILL BE SKYDIVING to raise funds for the Group B Strep Support Charity – this infection is the leading cause of infant mortality. You can sponsor him at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/revpeteroconnell>

OR - There are sponsorship forms in the churches for this now as well.

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

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