

Sunday 19th December 2021 – Advent 4

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

Rector: Revd Peter O'Connell 01883 741945 rector@godstonebenefice.org.uk
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 19th December 2021:- St Stephen's, South Godstone, Communion Service & on YouTube **9 am**

Sunday 19th December 2021:- Communion Service at St John's Church **10.30 am**

Sunday 19th December 2021:- Communion Service at St Nicholas Church **10.30 am**

Sunday 19th December 2021:- **Nine Lessons and Carols** at St Nicholas Church **4.30 pm**

Friday 24th Decemer 2021: – CHRISTMAS EVE:-
Nativity at St John's Church **3.30 pm**

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Nativity at St Nicholas Church **5.00 pm**

Friday 24th December 2021:- Holy Communion at St Stephen's Church **6.30 pm**

Friday 24th December 2021:- Midnight Mass at St Nicholas Church **11.30 pm**

Friday 24th December 2021:- Midnight Mass at St John's Church **11.30 pm**

Saturday 25th December 2021:- **CHRISTMAS DAY:-**
Family Service at St Nicholas Church **9.30 am**

PRAYER LIST

St Nicholas' – Daphne Hughes, David Collins, Roger Bedford, Ethan, Stan Rodgers

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

St Stephen's- Alan Kearton

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYER, THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:-

CAROLYN JONES
RUTH SHEARING

LILLIAN BEER

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.

Masks are required at this time when attending Services in Church

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 will probably increase 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 Please NO perishable food, out of date food, alcohol or medicines.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:-

Tinned Soups, Porridge Oats, Instant Mash, Instant Coffee, Laundry Pods/Tablets

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

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

The Collect

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Liturgy of the Word

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock; Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your mighty strength and come to our salvation. Turn us again, O God; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry at your people" prayer? You feed them with the bread of tears; you give them abundance of tears to drink. You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn. Turn us again, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Psalm 80:1-8

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 Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a

fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said. 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Prayer after Communion

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace' that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – Louise would like to say 'thank-you' to everyone for their participation with the amazing **Christmas Tree Festival** and to say how wonderful it has been to welcome so many visitors to our lovely church this week.

A decision has been made to leave the trees in Church until the **30th December**. Louise will be in Church that day from **10 am – 12** to give access to everyone to remove their trees.

GODSTONE UNITED CHARITIES

IS RUN IN GODSTONE, SOUTH GODSTONE AND BLINDLEY HEATH

The object of the charity is the relief either generally or individually of persons resident in of Godstone, South Godstone and Blindley Heath who are in need, hardship or distress. Twice a year we give vouchers to people, usually beginning of December and end of February to people who need 'a helping hand'. The vouchers can be spent in our local shops. If you know of anyone who would benefit from receiving a voucher could you encourage them to contact our Clerk on thesource@btinternet.com 01883 742625

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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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