

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 17th September 2023:- Holy Communion & on YouTube at St Stephen's Church **9.00 am**

Sunday 17th September 2023:- Holy Communion at St John's Church **10.30 am**

Sunday 17th September 2023:- Morning Prayer at St Nicholas Church **10.30 am**

Tuesday 19th September 2023:- Coffee & Company at St Stephen's Church **10.00 am - noon**

Wednesday 20th September 2023:- Holy Communion (BCP) at St Mary's Chapel, Godstone **10.00 am**

Saturday 23rd September 2023:- National Guild of Police Ringers at St Nicholas Church **10 am – 11 am**

Sunday 24th September 2023:- Holy Communion & on YouTube at St Stephen's Church **9.00 am**

Sunday 24th September 2023:- Morning Prayer at St John's Church **10.30 am**

Sunday 24th September 2023:- Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church **10.30 am**

Monday 25th September 2023:- Quarter peal by a visiting band from Warnham at St Nicholas Church **11.15 am**

Saturday 30th September 2023:- HARVEST SUPPER at St John's Church Hall. Tickets £10. Contact Joan Wall wall858@btinternet.com or 07739100857 **7.00 pm**

Sunday 1st October 2023:- HARVEST FESTIVAL at St Nicholas Church

Friday 6th October 2023:- Funeral at St Nicholas Church – Charles Battersby **11.00 am**

PRAYER LIST

St Nicholas' – Daphne Hughes, David Collins, Roger Bedford, Stan Rodgers, Maureen Hollands, Andrea Millichap, Derek Harding, Leslie Head, Archie Butler

St John's - Hugh Hunter, Janie Reed, Basil McFarland, Fiona Mackenzie, Shiela Prilling, Rosemary Edwards, Julien Hollingshurst, Leslie Winn. The Benefice link with Rutendo in Zimbabwe.

St Stephen's - Alan Kearton, Michael Bourne, Eileen Stewart

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

Daphne Faulkner

Charles Battersby

NOTICES

FOODBANK UPDATE – the demand for the Foodbank at St Matthews, Redhill continues to increase. They now estimate that they are helping about 200 people a week.

Donations can be left at The Rectory

Please NO perishable food, out of date food, alcohol or medicines.

The following items are now needed:-

Meat Meals, Fish, Tinned Meat, Milk, Toilet Rolls

ORGAN RECITAL – SUNDAY 22nd OCTOBER at 4pm at St Nicholas Church, Godstone

We are privileged to be holding an organ recital to mark the centenary of the St Nicholas organ. This will be given by Dr Graham Dixon, who has a lifetime of musical experience and will be providing a stimulating programme of pieces.

Graham was Sir John Goss Exhibitor at the Royal Academy of Music, while working for a London University BMus. He studied in Italy and Germany for a Durham PhD on liturgy and music in Baroque Rome. Having joined the BBC as a Producer, specializing in early music, his final role was Managing Editor of BBC Radio 3. From 2015 to 2020, he was Head of Radio at the European Broadcasting Union in Geneva, supporting public broadcasters in 56 countries. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and the Royal Asiatic Society, as well as the Royal College of Organists.

There will be refreshments afterwards, and all proceeds from the recital will be split between supporting the people of Ukraine and improving wheelchair access into St Nicholas.

The Friends of St Nicholas will be opening St Nicholas Church in aid of the hospitality project on Saturday 16th September 10.30 – 12 midday AND Sunday 17th September 3 pm – 4.30 pm.

Chat over tea/coffee, scones/cakes, tour the church, visit the tower, try a quiz for children and above all enjoy our beautiful grade 1 listed building.

Please come and bring your family and friends.

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 benefice@godstone.net
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Collect

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Then the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Exodus 14.19-31

Thanks be to God

Gospel

Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.
