

Sunday 15th May 2022 – 5th 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 15th May 2022:- Holy Communion & on YouTube at St Stephen's Church **9.00 am**

Sunday 15th May 2022:- Holy Communion at St John's Church **10.30 am**

Sunday 15th May 2022:- Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church **10.30 am**

Tuesday 17th May 2022:- Weekly 'Coffee & Company' at St Stephen's Church **10 am – noon**

Thursday 19th May 2022:- Singing Group at St John's Church, Blindley Heath **7 pm – 8 pm**

Saturday 21st May 2022:- Lunch for Ukraine at the Youth Centre **12 noon – 2 pm**

Sunday 22nd May 2022:- Holy Communion & on YouTube at St Stephen's Church **9.00 am**

Sunday 22nd May 2022:- Morning Prayer at St John's Church **10.30 am**

Sunday 22nd May 2022:- Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church **10.30 am**

Thursday 26th May 2022:- ASCENSION DAY – Holy Communion at St Stephen's Church **7.00 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 Please NO perishable food, out of date food, alcohol or medicines.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 meals, Meat (incl. Hot Dogs), Fish, Tin Soups, Breakfast Cereals.

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 is starting on **16th May, meeting at St John's Church 10 am to 12 noon** and then 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.**

LUNCH FOR UKRAINE – SATURDAY 21ST May 2022

We are holding a fundraising event for Ukraine. Come along to the Youth Centre anytime between **12 noon and 2 pm** for a delicious Ploughman's Lunch. All proceeds go to the **Christian Aid/DEC Ukraine Appeal**

ELECTORAL ROLL - if you would like to be added to the Electoral Roll, there will be forms available at the back of church. Thank you, Diane Grose (Electoral Roll Officer)

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 Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

First Reading

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised

God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'
Acts 11.1-18

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**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

John 13.31-35

Post Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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,
Felbridge RH19 2PB. 01342 326542.
sallyhudson81@gmail.com**

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.


