
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 November 2023:- Holy Communion & on
YouTube at St Stephen's Church 9.00 am

Sunday 19th November 2023:- Holy Communion at St
John's Church 10.30 am

Sunday 19th November 2023:- Morning Prayer at St
Nicholas Church 1030 am

Sunday 19th November 2023:- Autumn Market at St
Stephen's Church 2.00 – 4.00 pm

Tuesday 21st November 2023:- Coffee & Company at
St Stephen's Church 10.00 am - noon

Friday 24th November 2023:- Barn Dance at St John's
Church Hall, COST £10.00 7.00 pm Contact Trevor –
07739100857/01342 834550

Sunday 26th November 2023:- Holy Communion & on
YouTube at St Stephen's Church 9.00 am

Sunday 26th November 2023:- Morning Prayer at St
John's Church 10.30 am

Sunday 26th November 2023:- Holy Communion at St
Nicholas Church 10.30 am

Friday 1st December 2023:- Funeral at St Nicholas
Church – June Grant 11.00 am

PRAYER LIST

St Nicholas'- Daphne Hughes, David Collins, Roger
Bedford, Stan Rodgers, Maureen Hollands, Andrea
Millchapp, Leslie Head, Archie Butler, Karen Butler

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

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

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

NOTICES

FOODBANK UPDATE – the demand for the
Foodbank at St Matthew's, 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 Please NO perishable food, out of date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:- Vegetarian
Meals, Vegetarian Soup, Fruit Juice, Peas

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ADVENT CALENDARS – All Sold out!
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ADVENT STUDY

Beginning the week of November 27th and
continuing for further three weeks, there will be a
House Group meeting to follow a little booklet
produced by the Bible Reading Fellowship. It is
called Journeying through Advent and has daily
notes and also notes for a weekly group meeting.
One group is already established but I have bought
lots of booklets and would love to welcome another
group to my home on a Wednesday afternoon from
2pm – 3pm. I can offer cuppas, a log fire and a
relaxing time. The booklet costs £3 and you could of
course buy it and not come to any meeting but I do
hope you will give it some thought. The run up to
Christmas can get very fraught and this would be a
little time apart which you may find helpful. Do
phone or ask me about it.

Rita 01883 743032/07780 822040 rita.hale@gmail.com
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The Friends of St Nicholas Church will :-

TODAY Sunday 19th November be opening the
Church & Church Tower 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm. Offering
fund raising teas, tours and Quizzes. Please do
bring your family, friends and dogs!!

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

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Gospel

Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading.

Hear the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

