

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 5th November 2023:- ALL SAINTS

Holy Communion (BCP) St Nicholas Church 9.00 am
Lay Led Service at St Stephen's Church 10.30 am
Benefice Communion Service at St John's Church
with speaker from Welcare 10.30 am
All Souls Service at St Nicholas Church 4.30 pm

Monday 6th November 2023:- Visiting Bell Ringers at
St Nicholas Church 10.30 am

Tuesday 7th November 2023:- Coffee & Company at St
Stephen's Church 10.00 am – noon

Sunday 12th November 2023:- REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Holy Communion & on YouTube at St Stephen's
Church 9.00 am
Holy Communion at St John's Church 10.15 am
Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church 10.15 am

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

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

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, 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:-

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 Please NO perishable food, out of date food, alcohol or medicines.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

ADVENT CALENDAR! – The Real Advent Calendar is designed to share and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas so that Christ is not written out of Christmas. This is the only Advent Calendar with Fairtrade chocolate, a 24-page Christmas story activity book and which supports charitable projects Price £4.50 each. For more information go to <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/pages/real-advent-calendar>. To order please contact Alison.mccormick@mac.com (01884 744883)

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.

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APPEAL – Does anyone have contact information for Arthur Andrew's family? The Godstone PC have no record. His memorial bench is in a 'sorry state'. They also do not have a record for another grave ownership – the Stenning family. IF ANYONE CAN HELP – PLEASE LET PETER KNOW and clerk@godstone-pc.gov.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 benefice@godstone.net
godstonebenefice.org.uk



Collect

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessed and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Revelation 7.9-17

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 Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

Matthew 5.1-12

POST COMMUNION

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
