

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 22nd October 2023:- Holy Communion & on
YouTube at St Stephen's Church 9.00 am

Sunday 22nd October 2023:- Morning Prayer at St
John's Church 10.30 am

Sunday 22nd October 2023:- Holy Communion at St
Nicholas Church 10.30 am

Tuesday 24th October 2023:- Coffee & Company at St
Stephen's Church 10.00 am – noon

Friday 27th October 2023:- Skittles Evening at St
John's Church Hall with Fish & Chip Supper – COST
£12.00 7.00 pm

Sunday 29th October 2023:- Holy Communion & on
YouTube at St Stephen's Church 9.00 am

Sunday 29th October 2023:- Holy Communion at St
John's Church 10.30 am

Sunday 29th October 2023:- Holy Communion at St
Nicholas Church 10.30 am

Friday 4th November 2023:- Barn Dance at St John's
Church Hall, COST £10.00

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

PRAYER LIST

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

St John's:- Hugh Hunter, Janie Reed, Basil
McFarland, Fiona Mackenzie, Shiela Prilling,
Rosemary Edwards, Julien Hollingshurst, Lesley
Winn, 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 Please NO perishable food, out of date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:- Meat Meals,
Fish, Tinned Meat, Milk, Toilet Rolls

**ADVENT CALENDAR! – The Real Advent Calendar is
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**TODAY – ORGAN RECITAL – at 4 pm 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 the
wheelchair access into St Nicholas Church.



Collect

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

Moses said to the Lord, 'See, you have said to me, "Bring up this people"; but you have not let know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, "I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight." Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.' He said, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.' Then he said to him, 'If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.'

The Lord said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.' Moses said, 'Show me your glory, I pray.' And he said, 'I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, "The Lord"; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But, he said, 'you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.' And the Lord continued, 'See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft on the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by, then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.'

Exodus 33.12-23

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

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's'. When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Matthew 22.15.22

POST COMMUNION

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let those holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord.