

Sunday 3rd September 2023 – 13th Sunday after Trinity – Proper 17

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 3rd September 2023:- Holy Communion (BCP) at St Nicholas Church **9.00 am**

Sunday 3rd September 2023:- All Age Service at St Stephen's Church **10.30 am**

Sunday 3rd September 2023:- Holy Communion at St John's Church **10.30 am**

Sunday 3rd September 2023:- Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church **10.30 am**

Sunday 3rd September 2023:- Baptisms at St Nicholas Church – Joshua & Harper Robson **12.30 pm**

Sunday 3rd September 2023:- Cream Teas – St John's Church, Blindley Heath with 60, 70, 80 music **2 – 4.00 pm**

Monday 4th September 2023:- Memorial Service for Julia Hunt at St Nicholas Church **2.30 pm**

Tuesday 5th September 2023:- Macmillan Coffee Morning at St Stephen's Church **10.00 am – noon**

Sunday 10th September 2023:- Holy Communion & on YouTube at St Stephen's Church **9.00 am**

Sunday 10th September 2023:- Holy Communion at St John's Church **10.30 am**

Sunday 10th September 2023:- Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church **10.30 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,

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYER, 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 180 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Please NO perishable food, out of date food, alcohol or medicines.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:-

Tinned Meat, Tinned Spaghetti, Chicken Soup, Cereals, Porridge Oats, Noodles, Biscuits, Tinned Fruit, Peas, 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.



Collect

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!'. And he said, 'Here I am. Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this should be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.' But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you'', and they ask me, "What is his name?", what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I am who I am' He said further, 'Thus you should say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you." God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you": This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

Exodus 3.1-15

Gospel

Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Post Communion

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God
