

Sunday 30th January 2022 – 4th Sunday of Epiphany – The Presentation

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 30th January 2022:- St Stephen's, South Godstone, Communion Service & on YouTube 9 am

Sunday 30th January 2022:- Communion Service at St John's Church 10.30 am

Sunday 30th January 2022:- Communion Service at St Nicholas Church 10.30 am

Wednesday 2nd February 2022:- Holy Communion at St Mary's, Godstone 10.00 am

Wednesday 2nd February 2022:- Bell Peal at St Nicholas Church 12.30 pm – 3.30 pm

Saturday 5th February 2022:- Café Connect at St Nicholas Youth Centre raising money again for Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance 10.30 – 12.30 pm

Sunday 6th February 2022:- 70th anniversary of the Queen's accession

St Stephen's, South Godstone, Communion Service & on YouTube 9 am

Communion Service at St John's Church 10.30 am

Communion Service at St Nicholas Church 10.30 am

Family Service at St Stephen's Church 10.30 am

PRAYER LIST

St Nicholas' – Daphne Hughes, David Collins, Roger Bedford, Ethan, Stan Rodgers, Felicity Gresser, Alan Gibbons.

St John's - Hugh Hunter, Janie Reed, Basil McFarland, Nicky Tredennick, Daphne Faulkner, Fiona Mackenzie, The Benefice link with Rutendo in Zimbabwe

St Stephen's- Alan Kearton

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYER, THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

DAPHNE HODGE

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

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.

Masks are required at this time when attending Services in Church

FOODBANK UPDATE

The Foodbank at St Matthew's, Redhill remains very busy, supporting about 110 families a week. The ending of the Furlough scheme and the reduction in Universal Credit has probably increased the need.

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 Please NO perishable food, out of date food, alcohol or medicines.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 (including Hotdogs, Ham etc),
Tin Spaghetti, Rice, Peanut Butter,
Sugar**

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



The Collect

God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Liturgy of the Word

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 1.3. 1-13

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 Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It has been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what had been said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Post Communion

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us to live out our days that we may be the signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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.

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

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