

# Sunday 23rd January 2022 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

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 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022:-** St Stephen's, South Godstone, Communion Service & on YouTube 9 am

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022:-** Morning Prayer at St John's Church 10.30 am

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022:-** Communion Service at St Nicholas Church 10.30 am

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022:-** Tree planted on Godstone Green in memory of Richard May 10.30 am

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022:-** St Stephen's, South Godstone, Communion Service & on YouTube 9 am

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022:-** Communion Service at St John's Church 10.30 am

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022:-** Communion Service at St Nicholas Church 10.30 am

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022:-** Holy Communion at St Mary's, Godstone 10.00 am

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022:-** Bell Peal at St Nicholas Church 12.30 pm – 3.30 pm

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

## PRAYER LIST

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

**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:-**

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](mailto:benefice@godstone.net)  
[godstonebenefice.org.uk](http://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:-  
**Breakfast Cereals, Instant Mash, Instant Coffee, Longlife Milk, Marmite**

**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](mailto:liz@godstonebenefice.org.uk)**



## **The Collect**

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

## **First Reading**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you'. On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with great honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third

teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kind of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and were praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

## **Post Communion**

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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## **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**

**Danecourt Nurseries, 81 Copthorne Road,  
Felbridge RH19 2PB. 01342 326542.  
[sallyhudson81@gmail.com](mailto:sallyhudson81@gmail.com)**

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