

Sunday 10th September 2023 – 14th Sunday after Trinity – Proper 18

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 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**

Tuesday 12th September 2023:- Coffee & Company at St
Stephen's Church **10.00 am – noon**

Sunday 17th September 2023:- Holy Communion & on
YouTube at St Stephen's Church **9.00 am**

Sunday 17th September 2023:- Holy Communion at St
John's Church **10.30 am**

Sunday 17th September 2023:- Morning Prayer at St
Nicholas Church **10.30 am**

Wednesday 20th September 2023:- Holy Communion (BCP)
at St Mary's Chapel, Godstone **10.00 am**

Friday 6th October 2023:- Funeral at St Nicholas Church –
Charles Battersby **11.00 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Please NO perishable food, out of date food, alcohol or medicines.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:-

Meat Meals, Fish, Tinned Meat, Milk, 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.

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



St Nicholas Church, Godstone

Collect

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb the same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it: hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements; I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord;

throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Exodus 12.1-14

Thanks be to God

Gospel

Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them. Matthew 18.15-20

Post Communion

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.