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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 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023:- Holy Communion & on YouTube at Stephen's Church 9.00 am**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023:- Morning Prayer at St John's Church 10.30 am**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023:- Holy Communion at S Nicholas Church 10.30 am**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023:- Coffee & Company at St Stephen's Church 10 am – noon**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023:- Funeral at St Nicholas Church – Julie Grant 11.00 am**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023:- Holy Communion (CW) at St Nicholas Church 9.00 am**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023:- TOY SERVICE at St John's Church 10.30 am**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023:- TOY SERVICE at St Nicholas Church 10.30 am**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023:- CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at St Stephen's Church 10.30 am**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023:- Funeral at St Nicholas Church – June Deeley 12.30 pm**

**Tuesday 12 December 2023:- Funeral at St Nicholas Church – Leslie Head 2.00 pm**

## PRAYER LIST

**St Nicholas' –** Daphne Hughes, David Collins, Roger Bedford, Stan Rodgers, Maureen Hollands, Andrea Millichap, Archie Butler, Karen Butler

**St John's -** Hugh Hunter, Janie Reed, Basil McFarland, Fiona Mackenzie, Shiela Prilling, Rosemary Edwards, Julien Hollingshurst, Leslie Winn, Barbara Burch, Helem McRobert, 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**

June Grant,	June Deeley,
Leslie Head	Pat Rodgers

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## 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Please **NO** perishable food, out of date food, alcohol or medicines.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:- Vegetarian Meals, Vegetarian Soup, Fruit Juice, Peas**

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## ADVENT GROUPS

Groups are meeting at Jean Goddard's on Mondays 2 – 3.30 p.m. beginning November 27<sup>th</sup> and on Wednesdays at my home 2 – 3 pm beginning Wednesday November 29<sup>th</sup>. Those who have the Advent booklet "Journeying Through Advent", please do come to the meetings as often as you can over the next four weeks.

Please let Jean know if you are one of the Monday group unable to attend and let me know about Wednesdays. There is room for a Monday member to come on a Wednesday, if that works best any week but not the other way as Jean has full house.

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## Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

## First Reading

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will feed them with

Therefore, says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24

## Gospel

### Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading

### Hear the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

## Glory to you, O Lord

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger, and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Matthew 25.31-46