

Sunday 29th October 2023 – Bible Sunday

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 29th October 2023:- BIBLE SUNDAY
Holy Communion & on YouTube at St Stephen's Church **9.00 am**
Holy Communion at St John's Church **10.30 am**
Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church **10.30 am**

Tuesday 31st October 2023:- Coffee & Company at St Stephen's Church **10.00 am – noon**

Sunday 5th November 2023:- ALL SAINTS
Holy Communion (BCP) St Nicholas Church **9.00 am**
Lay Led Service at St Stephen's Church **10.30 am**
Benefice Communion - St John's Church with speaker from Welcare **10.30 am**
All Souls Service at St Nicholas Church **4.30 pm**

Monday 6th November 2023:- Visiting Bell Ringers at St Nicholas Church **10.30 am**

Sunday 19th November 2023:- Autumn Market at St Stephen's **2.00 – 4.00 pm**

Friday 24th November 2023:- Barn Dance at St John's Church Hall, COST £10.00

PRAYER LIST

St Nicholas'- Daphne Hughes, David Collins, Roger Bedford, Stan Rodgers, Maureen Hollands, Andrea Millchapp, Leslie Head, Archie Butler, Doug Randall

St John's:- Hugh Hunter, Janie Reed, Basil McFarland, Fiona Mackenzie, Shiela Prilling, Rosemary Edwards, Julien Hollingshurst, Lesley Winn, 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:-

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 Please NO perishable food, out of date food, alcohol or medicines.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:- Milk, Squash, Coffee, Fruit Juice, Tinned Meat, Meat Meals.

ADVENT CALENDAR! – The Real Advent Calendar is designed to share and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas so that Christ is not written out of Christmas. This is the only Advent Calendar with Fairtrade chocolate, a 24-page Christmas story activity book and which supports charitable projects Price £4.50 each. For more information go to <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/pages/real-advent-calendar>. To order please contact Alison.mccormick@mac.com (01884 744883)

ADVENT STUDY

Beginning the week of November 27th and continuing for further three weeks, there will be a House Group meeting to follow a little booklet produced by the Bible Reading Fellowship. It is called Journeying through Advent and has daily notes and also notes for a weekly group meeting. One group is already established but I have bought lots of booklets and would love to welcome another group to my home on a Wednesday afternoon from 2pm – 3pm. I can offer cuppas, a log fire and a relaxing time. The booklet costs £3 and you could of course buy it and not come to any meeting but I do hope you will give it some thought. The run up to Christmas can get very fraught and this would be a little time apart which you may find helpful. Do phone or ask me about it.

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APPEAL – Does anyone have contact information for Arthur Andrew's family? The Godstone PC have no record. His memorial bench is in a 'sorry state'. They also do not have a record for another grave ownership – the Stenning family. IF ANYONE CAN HELP – PLEASE LET PETER KNOW and clerk@godstone-pc.gov.uk

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 benefice@godstone.net
godstonebenefice.org.uk



St Nicholas Church, Godstone

Collect

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Jericho, the city of palm trees-as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, 'This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, "I will give it to your descendants"; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.' Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.
Deuteronomy 34.1-12

Thanks be to God

Gospel

Please remain standing for the Gospel reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading

POST COMMUNION

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.