

# Sunday 22nd September 2024 - 17th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 20

## 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 22nd September 2024:- Holy Communion at St Stephen's Church 9.00 am

Sunday 22nd September 2024:- Morning Prayer at St John's Church 10.30 am

Sunday 22nd September 2024:- Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church 10.30 am

Tuesday 24th September 2024:- **Macmillan Coffee Morning** at St Stephen's Church 10.00 am - noon

Tuesday 24th September 2024:- Wedding at St Nicholas Church - Melanie Moore & Darren Marshall 2.40 pm

Wednesday 25th September 2024:- Funeral at St Nicholas Church for Doug Randall 12 noon

Wednesday 25th September 2024:- St Nicholas DCC Meeting in the Church 7.30 pm

Sunday 29th September 2024:- Holy Communion at St Stephen's Church 9.00 am

Sunday 29th September 2024:- Holy Communion at St John's Church 10.30 am

Sunday 29th September 2024:- Morning Prayer at St Nicholas Church 10.30 am

### PRAYER LIST

St Nicholas'- Daphne Hughes, David Collins, Roger Bedford, Stan Rodgers, Maureen Hollands, Andrea Millchap, Archie Butler, Karen Butler, Sally, Elaine Holloway, Nathan Jackson.,

St John's:- Hugh Hunter, Janie Reed, Basil McFarland, Fiona Mackenzie, Julien Hollingshurst, Lesley Winn, Barbara Burch, Shirley Kemp, Maria Udy, The Benefice Link with Rutendo in Zimbabwe.

St Stephens:-, Michael Bourne, Eileen Stewart, Eileen Bourne, Cathy Snells's sister, Jenny, Cathy Snell, Robert Burch.

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS, THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Doug Randall

Gabriella Alchin

### 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Please NO perishable food, out of date food, alcohol or medicines.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, Pasta, Dried Spaghetti, Noodles, Cereals, Milk, Fruit Juice, Biscuits, Toilet Rolls.

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**CHURCH CLEANING** - please could you help by filling the gap in the church cleaning team?

There are currently 5 pairs of cleaners each given a two week slot to find an hour or two to sweep and vacuum and clean the kitchen and loo.

Your turn only comes up every 10 weeks so it's not a big undertaking. Let me know if you are prepared to give it a go. Thank you.

RITA HALE (07780 822040)

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**TODAY:**

**Sunday 22nd September 2024** - Revd. Peter O'Connell will abseil down the Spinnacle Tower in Portsmouth to raise funds for St Catherine's Hospice. To donate go to [www.justgiving.com/page/peter-oconnell-spinaker](http://www.justgiving.com/page/peter-oconnell-spinaker)

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## **Collect**

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Psalm 1**

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, not lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night. Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper.

As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish.

## **Gospel**

**Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading**

**Hear the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be the first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent you.'

Mark 9.30-37

## **Post Communion**

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.