

Sunday 29th September 2024 - 18th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 21

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 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

Tuesday 1st October 2024:- Coffee & Company at St Stephen's Church 10.00 am - noon

Wednesday 2nd October 2024:- **DATE CHANGE** - St Nicholas DCC in Church 7.30 pm

Saturday 5th October 2024:- **CAFE CONNECT** at St Nicholas Youth Centre for the Food Bank & Hygiene Bank local to Godstone. 10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Saturday 5th October 2024:- **HARVEST SUPPER** at St John's Church Hall - Cottage Pie/Crumbles **£10**. Bring own drinks. Quiz & Raffle in aid of Welcare. Please contact Joan Hall 07825476329 wall858@btinternet.com 7.00 pm

Sunday 6th October 2024:- **HARVEST**:- Holy Communion (BCP) at St Nicholas Church 9.00 am

All Age Service at St Stephen's Church 10.30 am

Morning Prayer at St John's Church 10.30 am

Holy Communion 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, Lucy Wall, Valery Pull, 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Please NO perishable food, out of date food, alcohol or medicines.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:- Mash, Potatoes, Oil, Biscuits, Toilet Rolls

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)

SKITTLES at St John's Church Hall - **Friday 18th October 2024. 7 pm.** Price **£15** includes Fish & Chips. Bring your own drinks.

Collect

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 124

If the Lord himself had not been on our side, now may Israel say;
If the Lord had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us; then would they have swallowed us alive when their anger burned against us; then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over our soul; over our soul would have swept the raging waters.

But blessed be the Lord who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken and we are delivered.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who has made heaven and earth.

Gospel

Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we

tried to stop him, because he was not following us,' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him, for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone was hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; for it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where the worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

Mark 9.38-end

Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.