

Sunday 19th October 2025 - 18th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 24

Welcome to the United Benefice		
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Upcoming Services				
St.Stephen's	19th October - 9.00 am	Communion (CW)	26th October 9.00 am	Communion (CW)
St John's	19th October -10.30 am	Communion (CW)	26th October 10.30 am	Morning Prayer
St.Nicholas'	19th October - 10.30 am	MORNING PRAYER at St Nicholas Youth Centre	26th October 10.30 am	Communion (CW)

Please keep the following in your prayers this week:	
St.Stephen's	Eileen Stewart
St.John's	Basil McFarland, Fiona Mackenzie, Julien Hollingshurst, Lesley Winn, Barbara Burch, Shirley Kemp, Valery Pull, Selina Lea, Coral Denyer, Alice Charles George, Sue & Chris Farr, Chris McPhail.
St.Nicholas'	Daphne Hughes , David Collins, Roger Bedford, Stan Rodgers, Maureen Hollands, Nathan Jackson, Sarah Goad, Phil Buttifant, Jim Polsfut, Emilia.
Let us also remember those who have recently died.	Ernest Harbor, Pat Beagley Stanley Fenemore (KiA October 1940)

Notices and Events
COFFEE & COMPANY - Tuesday 21st October - 10.00 am - noon at St Stephen's Church Hall.
FUNERAL AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH - Tuesday 21st October 2025 - Ernest Harbor - 1 pm.
SKITTLES EVENING WITH FISH & CHIP SUPPER on Friday 24th October in St John's Church Hall - 7 pm.
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 chocolates, a 24 page Christmas story activity book and which supports charitable projects. £5. For more information go to https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/pages/real-advent-calendar . To order please contact alison.mccormick@mac.com (01883 744883)
CAFE CONNECT - Saturday 1st November 2025 - 10.30 am - 12.30 pm in St Nicholas Youth Centre - supporting the St Nicholas Youth Centre Garden Project.
BARN DANCE - with LIVE BAND. Friday 21st November at St John's Church Hall - 7 pm. Cost £12. Please bring friends and family and neighbours! It's a chance to invite them all! Bring your own drinks and snacks.
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VACANT SLOT AT ST NICHOLAS YOUTH CENTRE - on **Monday mornings** as from the beginning of November. Enquiries about this to louisecase@btinternet.com

VACANCY AT ST MARY'S HOMES, CHURCH LANE, GODSTONE - A single flat is now available here. More details and enquiries can be sent to louisecase@btinternet.com.

FOOD BANK UPDATE - The Foodbank at St Matthew's, Redhill is still helping around 200 people a week. Donations can be left at The Rectory, Godstone. NO perishables, out of date food or medicines please. [Fruit Juice](#), [Milk](#).

Give- a – Little QR Codes

St.Stephen's



St.John's



St.Nicholas'



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.

First Reading

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom. I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away from myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

Gospel

Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Luke 18.1-8

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.

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