

Sunday 27th October 2024 - Last Sunday after Trinity - Proper 25

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 27th October 2024:- Holy Communion at St Stephen's Church **9.00 am**

Sunday 27th October 2024:- Morning Prayer at St John's Church **10.30 am**

Sunday 27th October 2024:- Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church **10.30 am**

Sunday 27th October 2024:- Baptism at St John's Church - Sophia Dunford **12.30 pm**

Tuesday 29th October 2024:- Coffee & Company at St Stephen's Church **10.00 am - noon**

Saturday 2nd November 2024:- **Cafe Connect** at St Nicholas Youth Centre **10.30 am - 12.30 pm**

Sunday 3rd November 2024:- **ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS**

Holy Communion (BCP) at St Nicholas Church **9.00 am**

All Age Service at St Stephen's Church **10.30 am**

Holy Communion at St John's Church **10.30 am**

Morning Prayer at St Nicholas Church **10.30 am**

All Souls at St Nicholas Church **4.30 pm**

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:- 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.

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS, THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:-

Wayne Allen

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 Please NO perishable food, out of date food, alcohol or medicines.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 and Fruit Juices

ADVENT CALENDARS! - 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 **£4.95**

For more information go to <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/pages/real-advent-calendar>.

To order please contact alison.mccormick@mac.com (01883 744883)

BARN DANCE WITH LIVE BAND - Friday 22nd November 2024 - at St John's Church Hall **7.00 pm** with Horne players. Cost **£12**. Bring your own drink and snacks

READY FOR CHRISTMAS? Advent House Groups will give you time apart from the frantic busyness of Christmas preparations to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. One group will meet at Jean Goddard's - 18 Bell Meadow on **Monday afternoons, 2.30 - 4.00 beginning on November 18th and the following three Mondays.** The second group will meet at my house (lifts available) Underhills Cottage on **Wednesday afternoons 3.00 - 4 ish beginning on November 27th and the following three Wednesdays.**

This is an open invitation to any members of the Benefice churches. There is a course booklet costing £5 and is called "God With Us" by J. John. Please join us, you would be very welcome.

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SAFE GUARDING OFFICERS:-

St Nicholas Church	Louise Case
St Stephens Church	Karen Jackson
St John's Church	Helen McRobert

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

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

Hebrews 7.23-28

Gospel

**Please remain standing for
the Gospel Reading**

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Mark 10.46-52

Post Communion

God for all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of 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.