

Sunday 22nd June 2025 - 1st Sunday after Trinity - Proper 7

Welcome to the United Benefice		
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Upcoming Services				
St.Stephen's	22nd June 9.00 am	Communion (CW)	29th June	NO SERVICE
St.John's	22nd June 10.30 am	Morning Prayer	29th June	NO SERVICE
St.Nicholas'	22nd June 10.30 am	Communion (CW)	29th June	Joint Benefice Communion (CW) Service
<u>REMINDER!</u>	Picnic at the Glebe Field,	Tandridge at <u>1 pm TODAY</u> - Peter will be walking from St Nicholas at noon.		

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, Sean Hayley, Chris & Sue Farr
St.Nicholas'	Daphne Hughes , David Collins, Roger Bedford, Stan Rodgers, Maureen Hollands, Nathan Jackson, Sarah Goad, Phil Buttifant, Jim Polsfut
Let us also remember those who have recently died.	Ronnie Lang

Notices and Events
COFFEE COMPANY - Tuesday 24th June 2025 - 10 am - noon St Stephen's Church Hall
CHRISTIAN AID 2025 - Thank you to all who gave generously to this year's appeal. A special thanks to those who delivered envelopes. Even without knocking that raised £617 , Cafe Connect a further £538 and a brilliant £1035 from members of our three churches. The total of £2190 , was the best since before Covid.
BAPTISM AT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH - Saturday 28th June 2025 - noon - Theodore Cullinan
SKITTLES EVENING WITH FISH & CHIP SUPPER AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL - Friday 27th June 2025 - 7 pm £15
OPEN GARDEN EVENT - Sunday 29th June 2025 - 2 pm - 4 pm. St Stephen's are hosting and Open Garden Event
FUNERAL FOR RONALD LANG - This will take place at St Nicholas Church on Tuesday 1st July at 2 pm , followed by committal at Surrey & Sussex Crematorium at 3.30 pm
CAFE CONNECT - Saturday 5th July 2025 - 10.30 am - 12.30 pm. St Nicholas Youth Centre for Air Ambulance Kent, Surrey & Sussex

Give- a – Little QR Codes

St.Stephen's



St.John's



St.Nicholas'



Collect

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.

First Reading

The high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. "Go, stand in the temple courts", he said, "and tell the people all about this new life."

At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people. When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin- the full assembly of the elders of Israel- and sent to the jail for the apostles. But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported, "We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside." On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were at a loss, wondering what this might lead to. Then someone came and said, "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people." At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them.

Acts 5:17-26

Gospel

Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine were feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

Now the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Luke 8.26-39

Post Communion

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.