

# Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 - HARVEST

## WELCOME TO THE UNITED BENEFICE OF ST NICHOLAS GODSTONE, ST STEPHEN SOUTH GODSTONE AND ST JOHN BLINDLEY HEATH



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*A warm welcome to all who are with us today, especially to those joining us for the first time.  
Children's Church is available. Please stay for refreshment after the service to meet with us.*

### Services for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017

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8.00 am St Nicholas HC, BCP  
9.00 am St Stephens HC, CW  
10.30 am St Johns HC, CW  
10.30 am St Nicholas – Family Communion CW

Readings: 2 Corinthians 9.6-15, Luke 12:13-21

**Communion on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October**  
10.00 am St Mary's Chapel HC, BCP

8.00 am St Nicholas HC, BCP  
9.00 am St Stephens HC, CW  
10.30 am St Johns HC, CW  
10.30 am St Nicholas HC, CW

Readings: Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Matthew 21.33-46

**Communion on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**  
10.00 am St John's Church HC, BCP

**FRIENDS OF ST NICHOLAS – FISH & CHIP SUPPER IN THE  
WHITE HART BARN - WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER – 7 pm.  
£12 per head, Bookings and payment before the event to Philip  
Anderson – 01883 742655 (raising funds for the improvement  
and maintenance of St Nicholas Church)**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Baptism at St Nicholas – Peyton Hill** – 2 pm.
- **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Wedding at St Nicholas – Gary Bannister and Rebecca Clark** – 4 pm.
- **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Café Connect at St Nicholas Youth Centre supporting Café Connect resources – 10.30 – 12.30.** Coffee, home made cakes, lots of stalls – All welcome!
- **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Wedding at St Nicholas – David Butler and Lady Roda** – 12.30 pm.
- **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Visiting Bell Ringers at St Nicholas Church** – 2.45 pm – 3.30 pm
- **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Messy Church at St Johns Church** – 3 pm.
- **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Jumble Sale at St John's Hall.**

### NOTICES

**OPEN MEETING:** There will be an additional PCC meeting on **12<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm in St John's Church** which will be open to members of all our congregations. This will look at preparing a new Mission Action Plan to identify our priorities over the next couple of years. This will include how we can improve our outreach and pastoral care, and how we can work together as three churches. We will also look at our pattern of Sunday services & how this can be made more manageable & sustainable, which will probably mean some service time shave to change. Please come along because the Rector and PCC don't have a monopoly of good ideas!

**ST NICHOLAS CHURCH** – If there is anyone interested in the following roles of a reader, a sides-person, assisting with offertory, taking the chalice up to the altar, helping with refreshments after the service, flower arranging, Church cleaning and counting the collection following the service, please contact Louise Case (Churchwarden) 01883 740182.

**HARVEST - this year we are collecting tinned and dried food for St Matthew's Foodbank. Any cash donations will be divided between our link parish in Zimbabwe, and supporting education in Uganda.**

**ST NICHOLAS OPEN CHURCH ROTA** – begun on **May 1<sup>st</sup> and will finish at the end of October.** We aim to have the church open **every afternoon.** While preferable to have one or two people in attendance it is not essential, the church can be left "un-manned". However, someone would have to take responsibility to open up and two people should return to check the building and lock up. "Church sitters" should have their mobile phones with them. The rota is at the back of the church. **Please sign up.** We had over **1,000 visitors last year** and only missed 2 days of opening-what an achievement! Let's do as well this time round.

**THE REAL ADVENT CALENDAR, available now £3.99** Did you know that 36% of 5-7 year olds don't know whose birthday is celebrated at Christmas? The calendar comes with 25 festive chocolate shapes, a 24 page Christmas story-activity book and a charitable donation. **To order contact Alison on [alison.mccormick@mac.com](mailto:alison.mccormick@mac.com) or 01737 245501.**

**SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER** – Autumn Fair at Friends of the College of St Barnabas, Lingfield RH7 6NJ – 10.00 am – noon. Stalls, coffee, raffle, tombola!

All enquiries concerning Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Home Visits and Home Communion to:

Revd Peter O'Connell (contact details above)

Items for this news sheet to Philippa March [email benefice@godstone.net](mailto:benefice@godstone.net)

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St Nicholas Church, Godstone

## Readings for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017

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### COLLECT

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythms of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

**During the previous year, Titus started a collection among Corinthian Christians for the Christians at Jerusalem. Now Paul sends Titus and others, representatives of their churches, to Corinth to carry this letter and to complete the collection.**

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything you share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

### LUKE 12:13-21

**A large crowd had gathered around Jesus. Now he instructs them and his disciples on the importance of a proper relationship with God. No one should selfishly amass wealth to the exclusion of spirituality**

Someone in the crowd, said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

### POST COMMUNION

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### PRAYER LIST

**St Nicholas** – Caroline Pope, Audrey Head, Cheryl Payne, Tom Battell, Claire Taylor, Minnie, Archie Butler.. **St Stephens** - Mona Watkins, Claire McFetridge, Samuel Moss, Ron Harradine, David Snell, Jennifer & Gerry Marks **St Johns** – Hugh Hunter, Julie & Jo Charlton, Daphne & Peter Reed, Janice Reed. **The Benefice link with Rutendo in Zimbabwe.**

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS, THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

**Patricia Lyons**

