

# Sunday 8th October 2017 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – Proper 22

## 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 15<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  
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Readings: Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Matthew 21.33-46

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### Communion on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

10.00 am St John's Church HC, BCP

### Communion on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

10.00 am St Nicholas Church HC, BCP

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Visiting group of bell ringers at St Nicholas Church – 11.30 am – 12.30 pm**
- **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Jumble Sale at St John's Hall, Blindley Heath - 10 am – noon.**
- **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Build@Church at St Stephen's Church – 3 pm – 4.30 pm**
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Children's Film Night at St Stephen's Church showing 'Storks' – doors open 5.00 pm. Film starts 5.30 pm. Also showing 'Beauty and the Beast (new Disney musical version)' starting at 7.45 pm.**
- **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Village Coffee Morning at St Stephens Church – 10 am – 12.30 pm**
- **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Wedding at St Nicholas Church – Christopher Hill & Emily Ewen – 2 pm**
- **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Benefice Joint Service at St Stephen's Church – 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation – 10.30 am**

### 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!

**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)

**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.

**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.**

**CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS – It is time to order your home made, boozy and fruity CHRISTMAS PUDDING.** Same price as last year: **1lb £7.50, 2lb £12.00 3lb £16.50.** With or without nuts, also gluten free made to order. **All profits to the St Nicholas Church – Accessible Toilet Fund.** Ring **JENNY BULL** on **01883 743359** or **sign the list in Church.**

**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)

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St Nicholas Church, Godstone

## Readings for Sunday 8th October 2017

### COLLECT

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### EXODUS 20.1-4, 7-9,12-20

**The people of Israel are now at the foot of Mount Sinai. As commanded by God, Moses has consecrated the people. They are forbidden to ascend the mountain – and even to touch it. They are not permitted to see God. They now receive the guidelines for living known as the Ten Commandments.**

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

### MATTHEW 21.33-46

**As he teaches in the Temple, Jesus tells a second parable to (and about) the members of the Sanhedrin who have questioned his authority and the source of the power he has used to teach and to heal throughout his earthly ministry.**

'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?' Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realised that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

### POST COMMUNION

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; 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

Josephine Clarke

