

Sunday 22nd October 2017 – 19th Sunday after Trinity – Proper 24

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 22nd October 2017

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

Readings: Exodus 33.12-23, Matthew 22.15-22

Communion on Wednesday 25th October

NO COMMUNION

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Tuesday 24th October – Funeral Service at St Nicholas Church for Rita Hall – 12 noon. Committal at Godstone Burial Ground - 1pm.**
- **Friday 27th October – Film Night at St Stephen's Church 'Beauty and the Beast' (new Disney musical version) starting at 7 pm.**
- **Saturday 28th October – Wedding at St Nicholas Church – Christopher Hill & Emily Ewen – 2 pm**
- **Sunday 29th October – Benefice Joint Service at St Stephen's Church – 500th Anniversary of the Reformation – 10.30 am**
- **Sunday 29th October – NO 10.30 services at St J and St N..**
- **Monday 30th October – Funeral Service at St Nicholas Church for Eileen Atherley – 11.30 am. Committal at Surrey & Sussex Crematorium – 12.45 pm.**
- **Saturday 4th November – Café Connect at St Nicholas Youth Centre for Children in Need with table tops which include a selection of gift ideas for Christmas – 10.30 am – 12.30 pm**
- **Saturday 4th November – Surrey Association Church Bells Training Day at St Nicholas Church – 1.30 – 3.30 pm.**
- **FUNDRAISING – We have now raised more than £400 from Easyfundraising for our three churches. Some things only raise a few pennies, but these pennies are adding up! Please consider using one of these links for any internet shopping you do. So far we have raised £233 for St Nicholas, £109 for St Johns and £136 for St Stephens.**

Services for Sunday 29th October 2017

8.00 am St Nicholas HC, BCP
10.30 am St Stephens – **JOINT UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE** – (Luther 500th Anniversary)

Readings: 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-5

Communion on Wednesday 1st November

10.00 am St Mary's Chapel HC, BCP

NOTICES

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.

MUSICAL CONCERT – "TUNES FOR A TENNER FOR OUR TOILET FUND" will be held in St Nicholas Church on **Saturday 25th November – 3 – 5pm**. Will include several varied forms of musical entertainment, refreshments, raffle and start everyone thinking about the joy of Christmas.

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 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.

ST NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS CARD – New Design - £3.00 for pack of 5. Available at Café Connect or from Louise Case (01883 740182)

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

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stnicholaschurchgodstone/>

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ststephenssouthgodstone/>

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjohnsblindleyheath/>

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

www.godstoneunitedbenefice.org.uk



St Nicholas Church, Godstone

Readings for Sunday 22nd October 2017

COLLECT

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 33.12-23

While God speaks to Moses as though he were a friend, the golden calf incident has driven a wedge between the Israelites and God. They feel separated from him.

Moses said to the Lord, 'See, you have said to me, "Bring up this people"; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, "I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight." Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.' He said, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.' And he said to him, 'If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I am your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.'

The Lord said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.' Moses said, 'Show me your glory, I pray.' And he said, 'I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, "The Lord"; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But; he said, 'you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.' And the Lord continued, 'See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.'

MATTHEW 22.15-22

Representatives of the religious authorities have asked Jesus by what authority he has performed the many deeds in this ministry. Matthew has just told us the Parable of the Wedding Feast. The Pharisees have seen it as an attack on them.

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's'. When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

POST COMMUNION

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER LIST

St Nicholas – Caroline Pope, Audrey Head, Cheryl Payne, Tom Battell, Minnie, Archie Butler, Christian Schumacher, Barbara Gibbons. **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, Claire Taylor. **The Benefice link with Rutendo in Zimbabwe.**

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS, THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Josephine Clarke **Eileen Atherley**

Jack Doorey **Sheila Eagle** **Rita Hall**

