

Sunday 29th October 2017 – Luther 500th Anniversary

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 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

Services for Sunday 5th November 2017 – All Souls

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
4.30 pm St Nicholas – Evensong

Readings: ?

Communion on Wednesday 8th November

10.00 am St John's Church HC, BCP

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

- 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.
- Saturday 4th November – Messy Church at St John's – 4 pm.
- Sunday 5th November – Evensong for All Souls Tide at St Nicholas Church – 4 pm.
- Saturday 11th November – Build@Church at St Stephen's Church – 3 pm..
- Sunday 12th November – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - Services at St Johns – 10.15 am and St Nicholas at 8 a.m. and 10.15 am. NO SERVICE AT ST STEPHENS.

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.

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

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

NOTICES

ST JOHN'S are having a **SKITTLE EVENING ON FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER** at 7 pm. **FISH & CHIP SUPPER PROVIDED** Cost £10.00 and Raffle. Further details from Pauline 01342 833638. All welcome!

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 & 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)

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 29th October 2017

1 JOHN 4: 7-21

The author has stressed two signs of fellowship with God: faith in Christ and love of fellow Christians. The Holy Spirit inspires confession of who Christ really is; he has come from God, to be truly human. The author has told his Christian readers: you “are from God”.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from his is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

JOHN 15: 1-5

After the Last Supper, Jesus has given his followers a new commandment, that they love one another, just as he has loved, and loves, them. He now reminds us that without him, we can do nothing. He is the centre. Our journey of faith, our journey together, our commitment to common witness and service, all have their source in Jesus Christ.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

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

Eileen Atherley

Rita Hall

Jack Doorey

Sheila Eagle

