

Sunday 12 November 2017 – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

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 19th November 2017

Services for Sunday 12th November 2017 – Remembrance Sunday

8.00 am St Nicholas HC, BCP
10.15 am St Johns HC, CW
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Readings: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Matthew 24:1-8

10.00 am Communion on Wednesday 15th November
CANCELLED AT ST NICHOLAS

8.00 am St Nicholas HC, BCP
9.00 am St Stephens HC, CW
10.30 am St John's – Family Communion CW
10.30 am St Nicholas HC, CW

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11, Matthew 25.14-30

10.00 am Communion on Wednesday 22nd November
St Stephens Church HC, BCP

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!**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

- Friday 17th November – Wedding at St Nicholas Church – William Best and Teresa Edmonston – 1pm.
- Sunday 19th November – Baptism at St Nicholas Church – Ralph Cowlard – 2pm.
- Friday 24th November – Children's Film Night at St Stephens's Church – 'Despicable Me 3' – 5.30 pm.
- Saturday 25th November – Village Coffee Morning at St Stephen's Church with fresh coffee and home made cakes and perhaps a stall or two – 10 am – 12.30 pm.
- Wednesday 29th November – Peal of Bells at St Nicholas Church – 11 am (3 hours non-stop)
- Friday 1st December – Richard Durrant's Candlelit Christmas Concert at St John's Church, Hurst Green. – 7.30 pm

FUNDRAISING – We have now raised more than £500 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 £238 for St Nicholas, £143 for St Johns and £160 for St Stephens.

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

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

CHURCH OPENING 2017 – From April 30 until October 28, St Nicholas Church has been open to visitors. During these 6 months, 1062 visitors have been welcomed. Heartfelt thanks to all those who volunteered to 'church sit', those who covered a couple of slots and to the stalwarts who almost spent longer in church than they did away on their summer holidays! Visitors were really pleased to see the church open. (Rita Hale)

FRIENDS OF ST NICHOLAS AGM & 50/50 CLUB AUTUMN DRAW – SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER – 10.30 AM IN YOUTH CENTRE. Coffee & Biscuits – meet friends – collect a prize! All welcome.

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)

CAFÉ CONNECT – last Saturday – 4th November - £566.10 was raised for 'Children in Need'. Thank you to all of those who supported this well attended event. So appreciated. Next month we will be raising money for Godstone Village School.

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 12th November

COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

The author reminds us to be try to see the best in every moment of our lives. If we spend every moment wishing things were different then we will always be dissatisfied with what we have.

There is time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

A time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

Matthew 24:1-8

Jesus talks to his disciples about his return, and the turmoil that would afflict the world before he comes again.

Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings. "Do you see all these things?" he asked. "Truly I tell you, not one stone here will be left on another; every one

will be thrown down."

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us", they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming 'I am the Messiah', and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.

Post Communion

God of Peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

PRAYER LIST

St Nicholas – Caroline Pope, Tom Battell, Minnie, Archie Butler, Christian Schumacher. **St Stephens** - Mona Watkins, Claire McFetridge, Samuel Moss, Ron Harradine, David Snell, Jennifer & Gerry Marks, Barry Slade **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 **Jack Doorey,**

Sheila Eagle **Dorothy Wickham**

Ruth Bonnell **John Lawton**

