

Sunday 21st January 2018 – The Third Sunday of Epiphany

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 21st January 2018

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

Readings: Genesis 14.17-20, John 2.1-11

Communion on Wednesday 24th January

10.00 am St Stephen's Church HC, BCP

Services for Sunday 28th January 2018

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: Malachi 3.1-5, Luke 2.22-40

Communion on Wednesday 31st January

10.00 am ?

NOTICES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Thursday 25th January – St John's Church**
DCC – 7.45 pm.
- **Friday 26th January – Film Night at St Stephens Church - Children's Film – 'Cars 3' – 5.30 pm**
Adult's Film - 'Dunkirk' – 8 pm.
- **Saturday 27th January – Village Coffee Morning at St Stephens – 10 am – 12.30 pm**
- **Saturday 27th January – Bell Ringers Practice at St Nicholas Church – 10.30 – 11.45 am.**
- **Friday 2nd February - St Nicholas Church DCC at St Nicholas Youth Centre – 8 pm.**
- **Saturday 3rd February – Café Connect in St Nicholas Youth Centre – 10.30 am – 12.30 pm.**
- **Sunday 4th February – Christingle Service at St Nicholas Church – 10.30 am.**

FUNDRAISING – After an excellent December we have now raised more than £650 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 £283 for St Nicholas, £155 for St Johns and £213 for St Stephens.

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

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

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

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Revd Peter O'Connell (contact details above)

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St Nicholas Church, Godstone

Readings for Sunday 21st January 2018

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.

GENESIS 14.17-20

Abraham (still Abram in this passage) has rescued Lot and wants to thank God, and meets Melchizedek the Priest-King of Salem, which was later named Jerusalem.

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). The King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who had delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

JOHN 2.1-11

John uses symbolism extensively in his telling of the good news. As he says near the end of the book, "these signs are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name." Now John tells us of the first sign, revealing Jesus' glory.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Now standing there were six stone water-jars from the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He

said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

POST COMMUNION

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

PRAYER LIST

St Nicholas – Caroline Pope, Archie Butler, Christian Schumacher, Daphne Hughes. **St Stephens** - Mona Watkins, Claire McFetridge, Elaine Childs, Ron Harradine, David Snell, Jennifer & Gerry Marks, Barry Slade Joy McGuinness, Daphne Hodge **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

Betty Jennings,

Caroline Webster

