

Sunday 4th February 2018 – The Second Sunday Before Lent

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 4th February 2018

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 – Christingle CW
Readings: Colossians 1.15-20, John 1.1-14

Communion on Wednesday 7th February

10.00 am St Mary's Chapel HC, BCP

Services for Sunday 11th February 2018

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 HC, CW
12.30 pm Baptism – Maximillian Nicholson

Readings: 2 Corinthians 4.3-6, Mark 9.2-9

Communion on Wednesday 14th Feb – Ash Wednesday

10.00 am St Mary's Chapel HC with Ashing
7 pm St John's Church HC with Ashing

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Sunday 4th February – Christingle Service at St Nicholas Church – 10.30 am.**
- **Wednesday 7th February – Funeral at Surrey & Sussex Crem. – Victor Smith – 11.15 am**
- **Wednesday 7th February – Godstone and Blindley Heath PCC at St Stephens Church – 8pm.**
- **Friday 9th February – Funeral at St Nicholas Church – Kenneth Moody – 11 am. Interment at St Nicholas Burial Ground – 11.45 am**
- **Sunday 11th February – Baptism at St Nicholas Church – Maximillian Nicholson – 12.30 pm.**
- **Wednesday 14th February – ASH WEDNESDAY – Holy Communion with Ashing – St Mary's Chapel – 10.00 am.**
Holy Communion with Ashing – St John's Church – 7 pm.
- **Monday 19th February – Funeral at St Nicholas Church – Brian Bull – 2 pm. Committal at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium – 3 pm.**
- **Friday 23rd February – Funeral at St Nicholas Church – Brigitta Haplin – 11 am. Burial at Godstone Burial Ground – noon.**

NOTICES

ST JOHN'S HAVE A BARN DANCE ON SATURDAY 24th FEBRUARY in the Parish Hall starting at 7 pm. Tickets £10 to include food. There will be a Raffle. Please contact Pauline on 01342 833638 for tickets.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR REQUIRED FOR ST STEPHEN'S SCHOOL – if you are interested in serving as a school governor, then please speak to Peter. This role is appointed by the PCC and therefore could be a parent at the school, a member of staff at the school, or anyone else who is interested.

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/>

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 4th February 2018

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

COLOSSIANS 1.15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

JOHN 1.1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

POST COMMUNION

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, Jill Mundy. **The Benefice link with Rutendo in Zimbabwe.**

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS, THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

**Victor Smith, Kenneth Moody, Brian Bull,
Brigitta Haplin**

