

Sunday 18th February 2018 – The First Sunday of 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 18th February 2018

8.00 am St Nicholas HC, BCP
9.00 am St Stephens HC, CW
10.30 am St Johns – Family Communion
10.30 am St Nicholas HC, CW
12.30 pm St Nicholas – Baptism – Conor Salmon

Readings: 1 Peter 3.18-22, Mark 1.9-15

Communion on Wednesday 21st February

10.00 am St Nicholas Church HC, BCP

Services for Sunday 25th February 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: Genesis 17.1-7,15,16 Mark 8.31-38

Communion on Wednesday 28th February

10.00 am St Stephens Church HC, BCP

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Sunday 18th February – Baptism at St Nicholas Church – Conor Salmon – 12.30 pm.**
- **Monday 19th February – Funeral at St Nicholas Church – Brian Bull – 1.30 pm.**
- **Friday 23rd February – Funeral at St Nicholas Church – Brigitta Haplin – 11 am. Burial at Godstone Burial Ground – noon.**
- **Friday 23rd February – Children's Film Early Evening at St Stephen's Church – 'Toy Story' – 5.30 pm.**
- **Saturday 24th February- Village Coffee Morning at St Stephen's Church. – 10 am – 12.30 pm.**
- **Friday 2nd March – Funeral at St Nicholas Church – Rosemary (Rose) Tyler – 1 pm. Committal at Surrey & Sussex Crematorium – 2.15 pm.**
- **Saturday 3rd March – Café Connect at St Nicholas Youth Centre – supporting Children with cancer conditions and Emily Roff who is running in the marathon for this charity - 10.30 am – 12.30 pm.**

NOTICES

SPECIAL NOTICE – Lead has been removed from St Nicholas Church roof above the Clergy Vestry. Could everyone be extra vigilant when walking past the Church. If anyone, other than Richard May, is seen working on our Church roof, it should be reported immediately to the police so that they can catch them in the act. If anyone else is required to work on the roof area then Louise Case will advise the congregation beforehand. If in doubt Louise can always be contacted on 07903 652337.

LENT COURSE – Rev'd Peter will be running a Lent course at St Stephen's on **Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm**. This will hopefully be using the projector and screen so that it can be a video based course, with the videos leading us into discussion

EASTER EGGS – from the makers of the popular advent calendars comes **The Meaningful Chocolate Easter Eggs**. Each includes a large 24 page Easter story-activity book, a bag of Fairtrade Swiss Chunky Buttons and a UK made Fairtrade chocolate egg (125g). **Milk Chocolate Eggs are £3.99 and Dark Chocolate are £5.50**. We have to buy in batches of 6, so will only order when we know there is a demand. There is also a **Special Edition 200g Milk Chocolate Egg for £9.99**. This comes with an olive wood holding cross instead of the booklet and can be ordered singularly.

Orders to alison.mccormick@mac.com. Or 01883 744883

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.

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](mailto:benefice@godstone.net)

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St Nicholas Church, Godstone

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; 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.

1 PETER 3.18-22

The author has told his readers that when they suffer for doing what is right, they are blessed by God. Whatever the circumstances, be ready to tell people the good news – about the hope that you have in Christ.

For Christ also suffered for us once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which he also went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

MARK 1.9-15

John the Baptist, a hermit, is telling people to prepare for the coming of the Lord by turning back to God. People have confessed their waywardness and have been baptised by John as a sign of beginning a new way of life. John has foretold the ministry of Jesus.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in good news.'

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; 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

Brian Bull,

Brigitta Haplin

Rosemary (Rose) Tyler

