

Sunday 25th February 2018 – The Second 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 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

Services for Sunday 4th March 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 – Family Communion CW
Readings: 1 Corinthians 1.18-25, John 2.13-22

Communion on Wednesday 7th March

10.00 am St Mary's Chapel HC, BCP

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 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.
- Thursday 8th March – Funeral at St Nicholas Church – Alan Lovejoy – 3 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

KAANA AGM – The Annual General Meeting of Kaana covering 2017 will be on **Friday 2nd March 2018 at 6.30 pm at St Stephen's Church**. At New Year Peter went into the sea at Saundersfoot in Wales to raise money for this charity. If you want to learn more about the charity, and see what it does, then you are very welcome to come along to the AGM. We will be keeping the official business to a minimum, and focusing on talking about the future plans for work in Uganda.

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

FUNDRAISING – At the present time we have now raised **£692** from Easyfundraising for our three churches. Some things only raised a few pennies, but these pennies are adding up! Please consider using one of the following links for any internet shopping you do. So far we have raised £304 for St Nicholas, £221 for St Stephens and £167 for St Johns.

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

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

<http://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)

Items for this news sheet to Philippa March email benefice@godstone.net

www.godstoneunitedbenefice.org.uk



St Nicholas Church, Godstone

Readings for Sunday 25th February 2018

COLLECT

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that we may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

GENESIS 17.1-7, 15, 16

Sarai is childless and advanced in years; she has not provided Abram with an heir. While his line can continue through Ishmael, he would much prefer that a son born of his wife be his heir.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai, your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

MARK 8.31-38

Outside Israel, visiting the villages around Caesarea Philippi, Jesus has asked his disciples who they believe him to be. Peter has identified him as the Messiah, the one expected to come at the end of the era.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thought which may assault and hurt the soul; 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

Alan Lovejoy

