

Sunday 4th March 2018 – The Third 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 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

Services for Sunday 11th March – MOTHERING SUNDAY

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

Readings: 2 Corinthians 1.3-7, John 19.25-27

Communion on Wednesday 14th March

10.00 am St John's Church HC, BCP

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thursday 8th March – Funeral at St Nicholas Church – Alan Lovejoy – 3 pm.
- Saturday 10th March – Surrey Association Surprise Major Practice Bell Ringing at St Nicholas Church – 10.30 am – 12.30 pm
- Saturday 10th March – Friends of St Nicholas – Spring Draw in Youth Centre – 10.30 am
- Saturday 10th March – Build@Church at St Stephen's Church – 3 pm.
- Saturday 24th March – Village Coffee Morning at St Stephen's Church – 10 am – 12.30 pm. All most welcome!

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.

FRIENDS OF ST NICHOLAS – 50/50 CLUB – SPRING DRAW – SATURDAY 10TH MARCH IN ST NICHOLAS YOUTH CENTRE – Coffee & Biscuits – All most welcome 10.30 am

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/>

<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)

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

www.godstoneunitedbenefice.org.uk



St Nicholas Church, Godstone

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 CORINTHIANS 1.18-25

Having heard that there are “quarrels” among members of the church at Corinth, Paul has urged them to be “united in the same mind and the same purpose.” Now he outlines the basis for the Christian community: the seemingly foolish message of the cross.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, ‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

JOHN 2.13-22

Jesus has changed water into wine at the wedding at Cana, graphically revealing his miraculous powers. Now he enters the Temple, and reveals his challenge to conventional religious authority.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went into Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, ‘Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a market-place!’. His disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for your house will consume me’ The Jews said to him, ‘What sign can you show us for doing this?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ The Jews then said, ‘This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?’ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

POST COMMUNION

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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

Rosemary (Rose) Tyler

Alan Lovejoy

