

Sunday 11th March 2018 – MOTHERING SUNDAY

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

Communion on Wednesday 14th March

10.00 am St John's Church HC, BCP

Services for Sunday 18th 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 HC, CW

Readings: Jeremiah 31.31-34, John 12.20-33

Communion on Wednesday 21st March

10.00 am St Nicholas Church HC, BCP

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 23rd March – St Nicholas Annual District Church Council Meeting in St Nicholas Youth Centre – 7.30pm
- Friday 23rd March – Children's Film Early Evening at St Stephen's Church – 'Shrek' – 5.30 pm.
- Saturday 24th March – Village Coffee Morning at St Stephen's Church – 10 am – 12.30 pm. All most welcome!
- Monday 26th March – Compline with reflection at St Nicholas Church – 7 pm.
- Tuesday 27th March – Compline with reflection at St John's Church - 7 pm.
- Wednesday 28th March – Compline with reflection at St Stephen's Church – 7 pm.
- Thursday 29th March – Holy Communion CW with foot washing St Stephen's Church – 7pm

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/>

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

CAFÉ CONNECT – a big thank you to everyone who made a special effort to attend Café Connect last Saturday after the awful cold and snowy weather. We raised the wonderful amount of **£510** to donate to the charity Children with Cancer and lots of encouragement and support was given to Emily who is participating in this year's Marathon and running for this charity

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

God of compassion, whose son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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.

2 CORINTHIANS 1.3-7

Paul reminds us that when you rely on the promises of God, you can look ahead with confidence, look up with commitment, and look around with compassion.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

JOHN 19.25-27

Mary watches as her son is crucified, and we can only imagine what you must have been feeling. In his suffering Jesus still has compassion for her.

And this is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple who he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

POST COMMUNION

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER LIST

St Nicholas – Caroline Pope, Archie Butler, Christian Schumacher, Daphne Hughes, David Collins. **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

