

Sunday 18th March – The Fifth 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 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

Services for Sunday 25th March 2018 – PALM 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: Philippians 2.5-11, Mark 15.1-39

Communion on Wednesday 28th March

10.00 am St Mary's Chapel HC, BCP

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Wednesday 21st March – Funeral at S & S Crem. – Douglas Clapp – 12.45 pm.**
- **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 – Ringing various quarter peals on the Surrey Association Southern District Quarter Peal Day at St Nicholas Church – 9.30 am.**
- **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**
- **Friday 30th March – Good Friday – 10.30 am Baptist Church – Family Worship with procession to the Green.**

NOTICES

PCC MEETING – the main business of the next PCC meeting is approving the accounts in advance of the Annual Meeting. Janet has requested that it is put back until **Thursday 5th April** to allow time for her to complete the accounts.

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.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER – ST JOHN'S CHURCH – If anybody would like to give donations for flowers to help decorate the church, in memory of those who have died, please hand your contributions to **Pauline 01342 833638** preferably by Palm Sunday. Many thanks.

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

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.

JEREMIAH 31.31-34

In a time of political and religious convulsions, Jeremiah comforts the people of both northern and southern Israel. Despite their infidelity, God will act for his people, in a new way.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sins no more.

JOHN 12.20-33

The festival of Passover, an occasion when both Jews and others who hold God in awe, approaches – as does Jesus' death on the cross.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them,

'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour."? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sister we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

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

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS, THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Douglas Clapp

