

Sunday 1st April 2018 – EASTER DAY

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 1st April – EASTER DAY

6.30 am Dawn Service at Windy Gap
8.00 am St Nicholas HC, BCP
9.00 am St Stephens HC, CW
10.30 am St Johns – Family Communion CW
10.30 am St Nicholas HC, CW

Readings: Acts 10.34-43, Mark 16.1-8

Communion on Wednesday 4th April

10.00 am St Mary's Chapel HC, BCP

Services for Sunday 8th April

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 Service

Readings Acts 4: 32-35 John 20:19-31

Communion on Wednesday 11th April

10.00 am St John's Church HC, BCP

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Wednesday 4th April – Communion at St Mary's Chapel will be marking the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King's murder – 10.00 am.**
- **Wednesday 4th April – Farnborough (Kent) Bellringers at St Nicholas Church – noon – 12.50 pm.**
- **Saturday 7th April – Café Connect at St Nicholas Youth Centre, Godstone – raising money for the Bay Pond Toddler Group. Variety of table top sales. All very welcome! – 10.30 am – 12.30 pm.**
- **Wednesday 11th April – Funeral at St John's Church – Diana Symes – 3.15 pm at afterwards at the Crematorium.**
- **Thursday 12th April – Kent Young Ringers at St Nicholas Church – 11.30 am – 12.15 pm.**
- **Friday 20th April – the AGM of Kaana at St Stephen's Church – 6.30 pm.**
- **Sunday 29th April – United Benefice Service at St Nicholas Church – 10.30 am.**

NOTICES

THANK YOU to all who helped with the Spring Clean at St Nicholas – it is looking a lot better!

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.

THE AGM of KAANA (the Ugandan charity Peter got sponsorship for at New Year) will be at St Stephen's Church on 20th April at 6.30 pm.

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

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St Nicholas Church, Godstone

COLLECT

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

ACT 10.34-43

Cornelius, a centurion in the military force in Palestine, and already a believer in God, has been given a vision. As a result, he has invited Peter to visit him and his household. It was against Jewish law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile, but Peter comes anyway, with “some believers from Joppa”.

Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is the Lord of all. The message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all those who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who are and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

MARK 16.1-8

It is now Saturday, after sundown. Mary Magdalene has witnessed Jesus’ death and burial. There was no time to anoint his body before the Sabbath, so she and other women, prepare to do so now.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us for the entrance to the tomb?’ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, this is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.’ So they went and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

POST COMMUNION

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grants us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; 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 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

Diana Symes

