

Sunday 8th April 2018 – The Second Sunday of Easter

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 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 CANCELLED THIS WEEK

Services for Sunday 15th 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 HC, CW

Readings: Acts 3. 12-19, Luke 24.36b-48

Communion on Wednesday 18th April

10.00 am St Nicholas Church HC, BCP

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Wednesday 11th April – Funeral at St John's Church – Diana Symes – 3.15 pm and afterwards at Worth Crematorium.**
- **Thursday 12th April – Kent Young Ringers at St Nicholas Church – 11.30 am – 12.15 pm.**
- **Wednesday 18th April - Funeral at S & S Crematorium – Judith Woodhouse - 2.15 pm.**
- **Wednesday 18th April – St Stephen's Annual Meeting at St Stephen's Church – 8 pm.**
- **Friday 20th April – the AGM of Kaana at St Stephen's Church – 6.30 pm.**
- **Saturday 21st April – Village Coffee Morning at St Stephen's Church – 10 am – 12.30 pm.**
- **Sunday 22nd April – St Johns Annual Meeting at St John's Church – noon.**
- **Sunday 29th April – United Benefice Service at St Nicholas Church – 10.30 am.**
- **Sunday 29th April – NO 10.30 am services at St Johns Church and St Stephen's Church.**
- **Sunday 29th April – Baptism at St Nicholas Church – Amelie Wilkinson – 12.30 pm.**
- **Sunday 29th April – Baptism at St Nicholas Church – Leo Gibson – 1 pm.**

NOTICES

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

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

ACTS 4.32-35

Only in Jerusalem (to our knowledge) did Christians share all of their possessions – and there only for a time. The first five chapters of Acts contain a number of summaries, of which this is one; they tend to generalize and idealize.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

JOHN 20.19-31

Early on Easter Day, Mary Magdalene has recognized a man standing near the tomb as Jesus. She has told the disciples: "I have seen the Lord". The disciples fear that they may suffer the same fate as their master.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain their sins, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the

nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and put my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

POST COMMUNION

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Judith Woodhouse

