

# Sunday 15th April 2018 – The Third 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 15<sup>th</sup> April 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: Acts 3. 12-19, Luke 24.36b-48

### Communion on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April

10.00 am St Nicholas Church HC, BCP

## Services for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018

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 4.5-12, John 10.11-18

### Communion on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April

10.00 am St Stephens Church HC, BCP ?

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April - Funeral at S & S Crematorium – Judith Woodhouse - 2.15 pm.**
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – St Stephen's Annual Meeting at St Stephen's Church – 8 pm.**
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> April – St Johns Annual Meeting at St John's Church – noon.**
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Children's Film Night at St Stephens – 'Toy Story 2' - 5.30 pm.**
- **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April – United Benefice Service at St Nicholas Church – 10.30 am.**
- **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April – NO 10.30 am services at St Johns Church and St Stephen's Church.**
- **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Baptism at St Nicholas Church – Amelie Wilkinson – 12.30 pm.**
- **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 **20<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30 pm.**

**THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE UNITED BENEFICE FOR 2017** are now available and will be considered for approval at the AGM on **25<sup>th</sup> April 2018.** If anybody would like a copy in advance, please email Philippa on [benefice@godstone.net](mailto:benefice@godstone.net).

**A COFFEE AND CAKE MORNING WILL BE HELD AT CHURCH HOUSE, BLETCHINGLEY ON SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - 10.am – 12 noon** to introduce the Archdeaconry Resource Exchange. The initial focus will be on resources for children but this will expand later.

### ST NICHOLAS Parish Breakfast

Enjoy sharing a meal and **RAISING FUNDS FOR CHRISTIAN AID** at the 11<sup>th</sup> Parish Breakfast – **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018 9.00 am** in the Youth Centre.

Cost £ 5.00. £3.00 for children. **ADDITIONAL DONATIONS FOR CHRISTIAN AID MOST WELCOME.**

**PLEASE SIGN THE LIST AT THE BACK OF CHURCH ON SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> April**

**CAFÉ CONNECT** held on 7<sup>th</sup> April was a very good one and raised **£560** for the Bay Pond Toddler Group. So many people attended and raised the comment about extending the Youth Centre! Café Connect to be held on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May** will also be supporting **Christian Aid Week.**

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**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

## **ACTS 3.12-19**

**While visiting the Temple, Peter and John have seen a man lame from birth. Peter has commanded him, in the name of Jesus, to stand up and walk. Peter now preaches to the crowd, who have witnessed the miraculous healing.**

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this was God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

## **LUKE 24.36b-48**

**Jesus has appeared to two disciples as they walked to Emmaus; he has shared bread with them. They have just returned to Jerusalem, and have heard from "the**

**eleven and their companions" that Jesus has also appeared to Peter. Now he appears to them.**

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubt arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hand and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophet, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

## **POST COMMUNION**

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## **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 Daphne Hodge **St Johns** – Hugh Hunter, Julie & Jo Charlton, 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, Daphne Reed

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