

Sunday 6th May 2018 – The Sixth 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 6th May 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 – Family Communion CW

Readings: Acts 10.44-48, John 15.9-17

Communion on Wednesday 9th May

10.00 am St Johns Church HC, BCP

Services for Sunday 13th May 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 1.15-17, 21-26, John 17.6-19

Communion on Wednesday 16th May

10.00 am St Nicholas Church HC, BCP

NOTICES

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - May 13-19 2018

After over 30 years of organizing the annual collection for Godstone, with first Dot Rao and later Carol Carey in S. Godstone, we have found it increasingly difficult to find enough volunteer collectors. We will not be collecting from all roads anymore, however, if any of the faithful regulars would like to continue, we have envelopes and authorisation badges.

Another option is to simply deliver, leaving a close by return address. It would be helpful to identify someone in each road who could be the "return address". Please let us know if you could help in that way. There are other fund raising events planned for May and we hope you will be able to support them. People across the world will have their lives changed by your giving.

Rita Hale – 01883 743032 Carol Carey – 01342 893189

MISSION ACTION PLAN – Last Sunday at our joint service I shared the list of suggestions for what we could do as three churches, and invited everyone present to identify which of these suggestions they thought should be priority. A copy of the lists will be in each of the three churches on Sunday so that anyone who was not present at the joint service can also express their view.

HOLIDAY CLUB – I am hoping that we can run our Holiday Club once again this year, and would be grateful if anyone who can help can come to a meeting at St Stephen's on **Tuesday 14th May at 8 pm.** or to contact me with any offers of help. (Peter)

REQUEST – We have been approached by a lady who is looking to rent short term accommodation for her daughter and husband and 2 small children in Godstone. They started a renovation project at Easter but their builder has become ill and left them with no kitchen and therefore no drinking water or cooking facilities. Upstairs is fine for them to sleep at home. A new baby is due in June. She is seeking somewhere for them to cook, play etc during the day for about a month. Grandma is happy to fund their stay **If anyone can help this family or have any suggestions for them, please email Philippa on benefice@godstone.net** and she will provide you with contact details for them.

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 our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 10.44-48

Peter is visiting the home of Cornelius, a devout man who reveres God and is an officer in the Roman army of occupation. Among those present are members of Cornelius' household and Jewish Christians who have accompanied Peter from Joppa.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

JOHN 15.9-17

After the Last Supper, Jesus continues to prepare his disciples for the time when he will no longer be physically with them. He has said that he is the true vine, that God is the owner of the vineyard, and that the disciples are fruit. They represent Jesus in the world-to bear fruit, to bring others to belief in him.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. I am giving you these commandments so that you may love one another.'

POST COMMUNION

God our Father, whose son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

PRAYER LIST

St Nicholas – Caroline Pope, Edward and 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, John Turnbull. **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

Michael Smyth

Clive Wilshin

