

Sunday 20th May 2018 – Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

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 20th May 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 2.1-21, John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

Communion on Wednesday 23rd May

10.00 am St John's Church HC, BCP

Services for Sunday 27th May 2018

8.00 am St Nicholas HC, BCP
10.30 am St Stephens – Family Service
10.30 am St Johns HC, CW
10.30 am St Nicholas HC, CW

Readings: Isaiah 6.1-8, John 3.1-17

Communion on Wednesday 30th May

10.00 am St Stephen's Church HC, BCP

NOTICES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

- **Friday 25th May – Film Night at St Stephen's Church – showing "Coco" the new Disney film – 5.30 pm.**
- **Saturday 26th May – Village Coffee Morning at St Stephen's Church – 10 am – 12.30 pm.**
- **Saturday 2nd June – Café Connect at St Nicholas Youth Centre supporting Tandridge Befriending Service – 10.30 am – 12.30 pm.**
- **Sunday 3rd June – Baptism at St Stephen's Church – Sebastian Beagley – 12.30 pm.**
- **Friday 15th June – Peter will be offering training to new and existing communion assistants at St Nicholas – 7.30 pm.**
- **Saturday 16th June – Wedding at St Nicholas Church – Norman Proctor and Sally Hawke – 2 pm.**
- **Saturday 23rd June – Wedding at St Nicholas Church – Michael O'Dyer and Jennifer Holland – 11.30 am.**

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - May 13-19 2018

We have been collecting in several ways this year. Thanks to Café Connect and the St Nicholas Parish Breakfast we started the week with £737.00 in the kitty. St Nicholas' house to house total will be well down as only 9 brave souls are knocking on doors but a further 8 are delivering which may bring a few donations. Carol has a similar situation in South Godstone. St Stephen's coffee morning on **May 26th** will also raise funds for Christian Aid.

We are watching the weather for **Sunday 20th's Open Garden** when we hope to raise more funds to bring us closer to the £2,000 plus of previous years. Whatever we raise it will be put to good use and change the lives of the poorest for the better,

Rita Hale – 01883 743032 Carol Carey – 01342 893189

HOLIDAY CLUB – we are planning to run this from Tuesday 28th August to Friday 31st August but need MORE help with the sessions at Godstone and Blindley Heath.

SUNDAY 10th JUNE – PARISH PICNIC

You are all invited (weather permitting!) to bring your picnics to the Rectory garden from 12.30 onwards. We have some rugs and chairs, but probably insufficient.

Tea/coffee/squash provided.

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, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

ACTS 2.1-21

It is now fifty days since the Resurrection. Many pilgrims have come to Jerusalem for the Festival of Booths. Luke, the author of Acts, tries to describe the coming of the Holy Spirit, but all he can say is what it is like. Divinity, to some extent, is beyond our experience and comprehension.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

JOHN 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

After the Last Supper, Jesus continues to tell the disciples about the mission they are to undertake. The "Advocate" is the Holy Spirit; he is the "spirit of truth", and will be sent to the disciples, and to the Church, by Christ "from the Father".

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I did not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

POST COMMUNION

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Clive Wilshin

