

Sunday 27th May 2018 – Trinity 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 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

Services for Sunday 3rd June 2018

8.00 am St Nicholas HC, BCP
9.00 am St Stephen's HC, CW
10.30 am St John's HC, CW
10.30 am St Nicholas - Family Communion CW

Readings: 1 Samuel 3.1-10 (11-20), Mark 2.23-3.6

Communion on Wednesday 6th June

10.00 am St Mary's Chapel HC, BCP

NOTICES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **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.**
- **Saturday 9th June – Build@Church at St Stephen's Church – 3 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 – Adding to the early success of Café Connect and the Parish Breakfast, we have counted the money collected house to house and the Open Garden. The Garden Opening raised £830 and together with other collection the total is currently **£2346.34**. This is beyond our most optimistic target. Thank you to all who helped, contributed, baked, delivered and collected.

The tree identification quiz had 25 entrants and 4 were correct. We have drawn a winner for the Knights token – that is Julie Fowler. The other three, who have the honour but not the voucher are: Susan Ruck, Jean Goddard and the O'Connells. Congratulations to them. In South Godstone, a very small team of volunteers, has collected a heroic **£500** plus, which they hope to boost with their Coffee Morning, so in all it has turned out to be a really good Christian Aid Week. Thank you.

Rita Hale and Carol Carey

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.

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

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 and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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.

ISAIAH 6.1-8

Isaiah gives the grounds for his authority as a prophet. Uzzah's reign has been prosperous, but uncertain times lie ahead. Assyria is expanding its borders, and the northern kingdom, Israel is trying to coerce Judah into a military alliance against the Assyrian threat. Back then, dreams were taken seriously.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of is glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said, 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said; 'Here am I; send me!'

JOHN 3.1-17

God has told Isaiah that most people will reject his message, preferring their traditional ways. Now Nicodemus, a devout and learned leader in Judaism, shows himself to be so steeped in traditional ways of thinking about God that he rejects Jesus' teaching about how to enter the Kingdom of God.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'

Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who was born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?'

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him

POST COMMUNION

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, 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

