

Sunday 3rd June 2018 – The First Sunday after Trinity – Proper 4

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 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 6h June

10.00 am St Mary's Chapel HC, BCP

Services for Sunday 10th June 2018

8.00 am St Nicholas HC, BCP
9.00 am St Stephens HC, CW
10.30 am St Johns - Service of the word? CW
10.30 am St Nicholas HC, CW
Readings: Samuel 8.4-11, Mark 3.20-35

Communion on Wednesday 13th June

10.00 am St Johns Church HC, BCP

NOTICES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **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.**
- **Film Night at St Stephens – 'Greatest Showman' – NEW DATE TO BE CONFIRMED.**

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 Blindley Heath.**

COLLEGE OF ST BARNABAS – ANNUAL PATRONAGE FESTIVAL – 7th – 9th June 2018 – situated on Blackberry Lane, Lingfield RH7 6NJ is a residential community of retired Anglican clergy. The College has in recent years provided the Benefice with stalwart support at services, mostly Revd Robert Raikes. **Thursday 7th June – 2.15 pm Festival Evensong followed by a garden party. Friday 8th June – 7 pm for 7.30 pm Festival Dinner with Mr Nicholas Owen (advance booking essential (£60). Saturday 9th June – Open Afternoon 2.30 – 4.30 pm.** 01342 870260.

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

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St Nicholas Church, Godstone

COLLECT

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayer and, because through the weakness of our moral nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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.

1 SAMUEL 3: 1-10

After many years of childlessness, Hannah has been given a son. In return she has brought Samuel to the temple of Shihoh, saying, “For this child I prayed: and the Lord granted me the petition I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.” Samuel has entered the service of Eli, the priest.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see' was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me'. But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel! And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' Then the LORD said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from the beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.'

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me or all that he told you.' So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.'

As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.)

MARK 2.23-3.6

One Sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even for the sabbath.'

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward'. Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

POST COMMUNION

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grown in love; for the sake of 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, John Turnbull, Gemma. **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

