

Sunday 24th June 2018 – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity – Proper 7

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 24th June 2018

8.00 am St Nicholas HC, BCP
10.30 am St Stephen's – Family Service
10.30 am St John's – Morning Prayer CW
10.30 am St Nicholas HC, CW

Readings: 1 Samuel 17:32-49, Mark 4: 35-41

Communion on Wednesday 27th June

10.00 am St Stephen's Church HC, BCP

Services for Sunday 1st July 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: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27, Mark 5:21-43

Communion on Wednesday 4th July

10.00 am St Mary's Chapel HC, BCP

NOTICES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 29th June - Film Night at St Stephen's – 'The Greatest Showman' – 7.30 pm.
- Sunday 1st July – Cream Teas at St John's – 3 pm – 5 pm.
- Thursday 5th July – St John's DCC in the Church – 7.45 pm.
- Friday 6th July – St Nicholas DCC in the Church – 8.00 pm.
- Saturday 7th July – Café Connect at St Nicholas Youth Centre supporting Caterham Dene League of Friends – 10.30 am – 12.30 pm.
- Thursday 12th July – PCC at St Stephen's Church – 8.00 pm.

SATURDAY 30TH JUNE – CONCERT – at St Nicholas Church – 3 pm – 5 pm.

FEATURING - The Greenstede Singers, the Hat Band Handbell Ringers, the Godstone Allsorts and the Serbian folk guitarist and composer Nevada Joicevic.

Tickets - £10.00 – Pimms and Nibbles.

DCC Meetings 5th and 6th July – Both these meetings are considering the architect's plans for installing a wheelchair accessible toilet, and tea/coffee making facilities, and the removal of some pews. This will be the first item of business. All church members are welcome to attend although only DCC members can vote. If we approve the current plans at either, or both, of these meetings then the plans will go forward to the PCC, and then onto the Diocese for a Faculty for the work. If you have any questions, opinions or suggestions then please come along. You may have a perfectly good point, and if you do it is much more straightforward to deal with now, rather than a later stage of the process!

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.**

All enquiries concerning Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Home Visits and Home Communion to:

Revd Peter O'Connell (contact details above)

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St Nicholas Church, Godstone



COLLECT - O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

1 Samuel 17.32-49 - Israel's arch-enemy was Philistia, a nation on the Mediterranean coast. The two armies face each other across a river valley in the hills west of Bethlehem. In ancient times, a dispute between nations might be decided by individual combat, as David and Goliath do here.

David said to Saul, 'Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine', Saul said to David, 'You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.' But David said to Saul, 'Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.' David said, 'The Lord who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.' So Saul said to David, 'Go, and may the LORD be with you!'

Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, 'I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.' So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?' And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, 'Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.' But David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that there is God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand.'

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly towards the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

Mark 4.35-41 – Jesus has told the good news of the Kingdom to the crowds, in a way they could understand, but “he has explained everything in private to his disciples.” Now he shows the disciples that the power that the Father has given him includes the ability to control the unruly forces of nature.

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on a cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still! Then the wind ceased, and there was dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

POST COMMUNION – Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER LIST

St Nicholas – Caroline Pope, Edward and Archie Butler, Christian Schumacher, Daphne Hughes, David Collins, Amanda Thompson **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

Alfred Charlton

