

Sunday 1st July 2018 – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity – Proper 8

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 1st July 2018

Services for Sunday 8th 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

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Readings: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27, Mark 5:21-43

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Communion on Wednesday 4th July

10.00 am St Mary's Chapel HC, BCP

Communion on Wednesday 11th July

10.00 am St John's Church HC, BCP

NOTICES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **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.**

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)

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, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

2 SAMUEL 1.1,17-27

The previous chapter (in 1 Samuel) tells of a battle against the Philistines on Mount Gibeon (near the Sea of Galilee). This time, the Philistines defeat the Israelites, led by Saul. Jonathan, Saul's son and heir, is killed; Saul is so badly wounded that he either takes his own life, or asks a foreigner alien to kill him.

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.

David intoned his lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jasher). He said:

Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen! Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.

You mountains of Gibeon, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.

From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty.

Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.

O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.

How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle!

Jonathan lies slain upon your high places. I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

How the mighty have fallen, and weapons of war perished!

MARK 5.21-43

After stilling the storm at sea and curing a demoniac on the eastern shore of the Lake of Galilee, Jesus returns to Jewish territory on the western shore. Mark presents two stories of healing: the story of the healing of Jairus' daughter is interrupted by the woman's gesture of trust – through which she is healed. The scene then returns to the raising of the girl.

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came, and when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live'. So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me"?' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

While he was speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the girl was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means 'Little girl, get up! And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

POST COMMUNION –

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through 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

