

Sunday 4th November 2018 – All Saint's 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 4th November – All Saint's Sunday

8.00 am St Nicholas HC, BCP
9.00 am St Stephens HC, CW
10.30 am St John's HC, CW
10.30 am St Nicholas – Family Communion CW
4.30 pm St Nicholas – All Souls

Readings: 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12

Communion on Wednesday 7th November

10.00 am St Mary's Chapel HC, BCP

Services for Sunday 11th November – Remembrance

8.00 am St Nicholas HC, BCP
10.15 am St John's CW
10.15 am St Nicholas CW

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Communion on Wednesday 14th November

10.00 am St John's Church HC, BCP

MORE NOTICES

ST NICHOLAS OPEN CHURCH – volunteers have opened the church most afternoons from May 1st until late October. Approximately 900 visitors have been pleased to find the door open. **HUGE & HEARTFELT** thanks to those who opened the church and stayed to welcome visitors. Very special thanks to the 21 regular volunteers who have kept things going and been so generous with their time. (Rita Hale)

FRIDAY 9TH NOVEMBER – 12 noon. FISH & CHIP LUNCH IN THE BAPTIST CHURCH. Anyone who does not normally attend these regular lunches and would like to do so, please contact Adrienne Drury ajdrury22@yahoo.co.uk 01883 741980 as soon as possible.

FROM TUESDAY 6TH TO WEDNESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER there will be an exhibition in the Church on World War 1. The Church will be open 2 pm – 4 pm each afternoon.

There will also be an **WW1 exhibition on OXO** in the Baptist Church.

Jenny is making her fruit-rich **BOOZY CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS** again! Same price as last year with profits going to the St Nicholas Hospitality Project. **1 lb - £7.50, 2lb - £12.00, 3 lb - £16.50.** Puddings are available with or without nuts, as well as vegetarian or gluten free options. Jenny would be grateful for the **return of bowls from previous years. To order please phone 01883 743359 or put your details on the list in St Nicholas Church.**

THE REAL ADVENT CALENDAR available now **£3.99.** A great way to share the Christmas Story. The calendar comes with 25 festive fairtrade chocolate shapes, a 24 page Christmas story-activity book and a charitable donation. To order please contact Alison on alison.mccormick@mac.com or 01883 744883.

ST NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS CARDS – now available £3 for 5 cards.

ST NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL - invitations have now been sent out to organisations and businesses in the village to once again decorate our beautiful Church for Christmas. St Nicholas will be open in the afternoons from **2 – 4 pm from Sunday 16th – 23rd December** and possibly up to the New Year for people to view the Christmas trees.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Sunday 4th November – All Souls Service at St Nicholas Church – to remember our nearest and dearest who have died – 4.30 pm.**
- **Wednesday 7th November – St Stephen's PCC at St Stephen's – 8 pm.**
- **Saturday 10th November – Build@Church at St Stephens – 3 pm.**
- **Friday 16th November – funeral for Raymond Mottley at St Nicholas Church followed by committal at Godstone Burial Ground – 1.30 pm.**

NOTICES

RINGING FOR ARMISTICE – Bell ringing features heavily in the National tribute to the Centenary of the WW1 Armistice. **On Sunday 11th November** the St Nicholas Bells will join with other churches across the country and ring half muffled **before the Remembrance Service followed by open ringing (unmuffled) at 12.30 pm.** Our two latest 'Ringing Remembers' recruits Christine and Rachel will join in the 12.30 ring. At **7.05 pm** a quarter peal will be rung for 'Ringing Out For Peace', part of the national tribute 'Battle's Over'.

WEDNESDAY 7th NOVEMBER – 7pm. A talk given by Colin Dean, Author & Archivist from **Royal Military School of Music** at Kneller Hall. The talk will be accompanied by musical illustrations. Tickets **£7.00.** Refreshments available in the **White Hart Barn.** Tickets from Pat Rodgers PARgodstone@aol.com 01883 743182 and Sylvia Pocock on spocock01@icloud.com or just come along on the night.

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

1 JOHN 3:1-3

The author has contrasted those who truly believe that Jesus is the Christ, showing it in their lives, and those who say they know Christ but do not behave accordingly.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

MATTHEW 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

Jesus has travelled through Galilee teaching, proclaiming the good news, and curing people of physical and spiritual illnesses. Great crowds from Israel and beyond have flocked to him.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be

glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

PRAYER LIST

St Nicholas – 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, Jo Peacock, Derek Poffley. **St Johns** – Hugh Hunter, Julie & Jo Charlton, Janice Reed, Tim Mundy, Basil McFarland. Nicky Tredennick. **The Benefice link with Rutendo in Zimbabwe.**

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS, THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Raymond Mottley
