

Sunday 3rd November 2024 - All Saints & All Souls

WELCOME TO THE UNITED BENEFICE OF ST NICHOLAS GODSTONE, ST STEPHEN SOUTH GODSTONE AND ST JOHN BLINDLEY HEATH

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOTICES

Sunday 3rd November 2024:- ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

Holy Communion (BCP) at St Nicholas Church	<u>9.00 am</u>
All Age Service at St Stephen's Church	<u>10.30 am</u>
Holy Communion at St John's Church	<u>10.30 am</u>
Morning Prayer at St Nicholas Church	<u>10.30 am</u>
All Souls at St Nicholas Church	<u>4.30 pm</u>

Tuesday 5th November 2024:- Coffee & Company at St Stephen's Church 10.00 am - noon

Sunday 10th November 2024:- REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Holy Communion at St Stephen's Church	<u>9.00 am</u>
Remembrance Service at St John's Church	<u>10.15 am</u>
Remembrance Service at St Nicholas Church	<u>10.15 am</u>

PRAYER LIST

St Nicholas'- Daphne Hughes, David Collins, Roger Bedford, Stan Rodgers, Maureen Hollands, Andrea Millchap, Archie Butler, Karen Butler, Sally, Elaine Holloway, Nathan Jackson.,

St John's:- Basil McFarland, Fiona Mackenzie, Julien Hollingshurst, Lesley Winn, Barbara Burch, Shirley Kemp, Maria Udy, Lucy Wall, Valery Pull, The Benefice Link with Rutendo in Zimbabwe.

St Stephens:-, Michael Bourne, Eileen Stewart, Eileen Bourne, Cathy Snells's sister, Jenny, Cathy Snell.

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS, THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:-

Wayne Allen

FOODBANK UPDATE – the demand for the foodbank at St Matthew's, Redhill continues to increase. They now estimate that they are helping about 200 people a week. Donations can be left at The Rectory. Please NO perishable food, out of date food, alcohol or medicines.

The following items are now needed:- Milk and Fruit Juices

ADVENT CALENDARS! - The Real Advent Calendar is designed to share and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas so that Christ is not written out of Christmas. This is the only Advent Calendar with Fairtrade chocolate, a 24-page Christmas story activity book and which supports charitable projects. Price **£4.95** For more information go to <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/pages/real-advent-calendar>.

To order please contact alison.mccormick@mac.com (01883 744883)

BARN DANCE WITH LIVE BAND - Friday 22nd November 2024 - at St John's Church Hall **7.00 pm** with Horne players. Cost **£12**. Bring your own drink and snacks

READY FOR CHRISTMAS? Advent House Groups will give you time apart from the frantic busyness of Christmas preparations to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. One group will meet at Jean Goddard's - 18 Bell Meadow on **Monday afternoons, 2.30 - 4.00 beginning on November 18th and the following three Mondays.** The second group will meet at my house (lifts available) Underhills Cottage on **Wednesday afternoons 3.00 - 4 ish beginning on November 27th and the following three Wednesdays.**

This is an open invitation to any members of the Benefice churches. There is a course booklet costing £5 and is called "God With Us" by J. John. Please join us, you would be very welcome.

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SAFE GUARDING OFFICERS:-

St Nicholas Church	Louise Case
St Stephens Church	Karen Jackson
St John's Church	Helen McRobert

Collect

God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit, that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 119.1-8

1. Blessed are those whose way is pure, who walk in the law of the Lord.
2. Blessed are those who keep his testimonies and seek him with their whole heart.
3. Those who do no wickedness, but walk in his way.
4. You, O Lord, have changed that we should diligently keep your commandments.
5. O that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes.
6. Then should I not be put to shame, because I have regard for all your commandments.
7. I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, when I have learned your righteous judgements.
8. I will keep your statutes; O forsake me not utterly.

Gospel

Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord

One of the scribes came near and heard Jesus and the Sadducees disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all understanding, and with all the strength", and to love one's neighbour as oneself', - this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Mark 12.28-34

Post Communion

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so that we may come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.