

Sunday 5th January 2025 - The Epiphany

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

Sunday 5th January 2025:- Holy Communion
(BCP) at St Nicholas Church 9.00 am

Sunday 5th January 2025:- All Age Service at St
Stephen's Church 10.30 am

Sunday 5th January 2025:- Holy Communion at St
John's Church 10.30 am

Sunday 5th January 2025:- Holy Communion at St
Nicholas Church 10.30 am

Tuesday 7th January 2025:- Coffee & Company at
St Stephen's Church 10.00 am - midday

Wednesday 8th January 2025:- St Nicholas DCC
Meeting 7.30 pm

Sunday 12th January 2025:- Holy Communion at
St Stephen's Church 9.00 am

Sunday 12th January 2025:- Morning Prayer at St
John's Church 10.30 am

Sunday 12th January 2025:- Holy Communion at
St Nicholas Church 10.30 am

PRAYER LIST

St Nicholas'- Daphne Hughes , David Collins,
Roger Bedford, Stan Rodgers, Maureen Hollands,
Archie Butler, Karen Butler, Nathan Jackson

St John's:- Basil McFarland, Fiona Mackenzie,
Julien Hollingshurst, Lesley Winn, Barbara Burch,
Shirley Kemp, Valery Pull, Selina Lea, Coral Denyer,
Sean Hayley. The Benefice Link with Rutendo in
Zimbabwe.

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

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS, THOSE WHO

HAVE DIED:-

TIM GOAD, ANDREA MILLICHAP

PAUL MADDISON

NOTICES

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perishable food, out of date food, alcohol or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:- Meat Meals,
Macaroni Cheese, Tinned Meat (including hot
dogs), Cereals, Porridge Oats, Milk, Squash,
Fruit Juice, Cooking Oil, Toilet Rolls.

**CAFE CONNECT - There will be NO Cafe
Connect in JANUARY 2025.**

**Next CAFE CONNECT will be on
Saturday 1st February 2025**

"My Family and Local Houses" - This talk will be about
some Godstone and Bletchingley Houses including
Stanstead, Orme House and Hartsridge. Sarah Goad will
be speaking at the meeting of the Bletchingley Historical
Society on **Thursday 9th January at 8 pm in
Bletchingley Village Hall**, cost to non members £2
Mary Stuart-Menteth

**QUIZ NIGHT AT ST JOHN VILLAGE HALL - Friday 17th
January 2025 - 7.00 p.m. Cost £3 per person. Teams
up to 8. Bring your own drink and snacks.**

SAFE GUARDING OFFICERS:-

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| St Nicholas Church | Louise Case 07903 652337 |
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Collect

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide us and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the people's; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Isaiah 60.1-6

Gospel

**Please remain standing for
the Gospel Reading**

**Hear the Gospel of the
Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew**

Glory to you, O Lord

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel" '

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Matthew 2.1-12

Post Communion

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