

# Sunday 17th November 2024 - Second Sunday before Advent

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

Rector: Revd Peter O'Connell 01883 741945 [rector@godstonebenefice.org.uk](mailto:rector@godstonebenefice.org.uk)

Assistant Priest: Revd Evelyn Randall 07590 099326 [evelynrandall@uwclub.net](mailto:evelynrandall@uwclub.net)

Church Wardens: St Nicholas: Graham Millar 07710 096 103

St John: Trevor Nightingale 07739 100857 & Helen McRobert 01342 893190 St Stephen: Karen Jackson 01342 894669

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 17th November 2024:- Holy Communion at St Stephen's Church **9.00 am**

Sunday 17th November 2024:- Holy Communion at St John's Church **10.30 am**

Sunday 17th November 2024:- Morning Prayer at **St Nicholas Youth Centre** **10.30 am**

Tuesday 19th November 2024:- Coffee & Company at St Stephen's Church **10.00 am - noon**

Friday 22nd November 2024:- St Nicholas Bell Ringing: A peal of London Surprise Major to commemorate the first peal of London in Surrey 100 years ago to the day **10.00 am**

Friday 22nd November 2024:- Barn Dance with Live Band at St John's Church Hall **7.00 pm \*\*\*\***

Sunday 24th November 2024:- Holy Communion at St Stephen's Church **9.00 am**

Sunday 24th November 2024:- Holy Communion at St John's Church **10.30 am**

Sunday 24th November 2024:- Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church **10.30 am**

### 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, Valery Pull, Selina Lea, Coral Denyer. 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

### 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 **Donations can be left at The Rectory.** Please NO perishable food, out of date food, alcohol or medicines.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 (incl Hot Dogs), Rice, Instant Rice, Cereals, Milk, Cooking Oils, Toilet Rolls.

**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](mailto: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.

Rita Hale - [rita.hale@gmail.com](mailto:rita.hale@gmail.com) 07780 822040/ 01883 743032

### SAFE GUARDING OFFICERS:-

St Nicholas Church	Louise Case	07903 652337
St Stephens Church	Karen Jackson	01342 894669
St John's Church	Helen McRobert	01342 893190

## **Collect**

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord

## **First Reading**

One in human form said to me, 'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.'

Daniel 12.1-3

## **Gospel**

**Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another, all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when this will be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'

Mark 13.1-8

## **Post Communion**

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.