

Sunday 19th January 2025 - 2nd Sunday of 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 19th January 2025:- Holy Communion at
St Stephen's Church 9.00 am

Sunday 19th January 2025:- Holy Communion at
St John's Church 10.30 am

Sunday 19th January 2025:- Morning Prayer at **ST
NICHOLAS YOUTH CENTRE** 10.30 am

Tuesday 21st January 2025:- Coffee & Company at
St Stephen's Church 10.00 am - noon

Sunday 26th January 2025:- Holy Communion at
St Stephen's Church 9.00 am

Sunday 26th January 2025:- Holy Communion at
St John's Church 10.30 am

Sunday 26th January 2025:- Holy Communion at
St Nicholas Church 10.30 am

Monday 27th January 2025:- Funeral at St
Nicholas Church - Molly Mumford 11.30 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 MOLLY MUMFORD

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perishable food, out of date food, alcohol or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 as running
low:-

Macaroni Cheese, Tinned Meat, Chicken Soup.

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**Next CAFE CONNECT will be on
Saturday 1st February 2025 supporting
St Catherine's Hospice.**

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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

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

First Reading

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26

Gospel

**Please remain standing for
the Gospel Reading**

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among the relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Luke 2.41-52

Post Communion

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

