

# Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – All Souls Day

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – All Saints

8.00 am St Nicholas HC, BCP  
9.00 am St Stephens HC, CW  
10.30 am St Johns HC, CW  
10.30 am St Nicholas – Family Communion CW  
4.30 pm St Nicholas – “A service for All Souls Tide”

Readings: Revelation 7.9-17, Matthew 5.1-12

### Communion on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

10.00 am St John's Church HC, BCP

### Services for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Remembrance Sunday

8.00 am St Nicholas HC, BCP  
10.15 am St Johns HC, CW  
10.15 am St Nicholas HC, CW

Readings: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Matthew 24:1-8

### Communion on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November

10.00 am St Nicholas Church HC, BCP

## NOTICES

**ST JOHN'S** are having a **SKITTLE EVENING ON FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER** at 7 pm. **Fish & CHIP SUPPER PROVIDED** Cost £10.00 and Raffle. Further details from Pauline 01342 833638. All welcome!

**CHURCH OPENING 2017** – From April 30 until October 28, St Nicholas Church has been open to visitors. During these 6 months, **1062** visitors have been welcomed. Heartfelt thanks to all those who volunteered to ‘church sit’, those who covered a couple of slots and to the stalwarts who almost spent longer in church than they did away on their summer holidays! Visitors were really pleased to see the church open. (Rita Hale)

**FRIENDS OF ST NICHOLAS AGM & 50/50 CLUB AUTUMN DRAW – SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER – 10.30 AM IN YOUTH CENTRE.** Coffee & Biscuits – meet friends – collect a prize! All welcome.

**MUSICAL CONCERT – “TUNES FOR A TENNER FOR OUR TOILET FUND”** will be held in St Nicholas Church **on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November – 3 – 5pm.** Will include several varied forms of musical entertainment, refreshments, raffle and start everyone thinking about the joy of Christmas.

**THE REAL ADVENT CALENDAR, available now £3.99** Did you know that 36% of 5-7 year olds don't know whose birthday is celebrated at Christmas? The calendar comes with 25 festive chocolate shapes, a 24 page Christmas story-activity book & a charitable donation. **To order contact Alison on [alison.mccormick@mac.com](mailto:alison.mccormick@mac.com) or 01737 245501.**

**CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS – It is time to order your home made, boozy and fruity CHRISTMAS PUDDING.** Same price as last year: **1lb £7.50, 2lb £12.00 3lb £16.50.** With or without nuts, also gluten free made to order. **All profits to the St Nicholas Church – Accessible Toilet Fund.** Ring JENNY BULL on 01883 743359 or sign the list in Church.

**ST NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS CARD – New Design - £3.00 for pack of 5.** Available at Café Connect or from Louise Case (01883 740182)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

- **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November** – “A service for All Souls Tide” at St Nicholas Church – 4.30 pm
- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – Funeral at St Nicholas Church for Dorothy Wickham – 1pm. Followed by committal at Godstone Burial Ground.
- **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Build@Church at St Stephen's Church – 3 pm..
- **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - Services at St Johns – 10.15 am and St Nicholas at 8 a.m. and 10.15 am. NO SERVICE AT ST STEPHENS.
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Wedding at St Nicholas Church – William Best and Teresa Edmonston – 1pm.
- **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November** – Baptism at St Nicholas Church – Ralph Cowlard – 2pm.
- **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November** – Peal of Bells at St Nicholas Church – 11 am (3 hours non-stop)

**FUNDRAISING** – We have now raised more than £500 from Easyfundraising for our three churches. Some things only raise a few pennies, but these pennies are adding up! Please consider using one of these links for any internet shopping you do. So far we have raised £238 for St Nicholas, £143 for St Johns and £160 for St Stephens.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stnicholaschurchgodstone/>

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ststephenssouthgodstone/>

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjohnsblindleyheath/>

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](mailto:benefice@godstone.net)

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St Nicholas Church, Godstone

## Readings for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November

### Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **Revelation 7.9-17**

**This reading tells what will happen to the “saints” to those who are faithful at the End of Time or the Last Judgement. John’s vision involves throne and courts: symbols that were part of his culture, but which are hard for us to understand; however, the message today is the same as it was then.**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation belong to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’ And all the angels stood around the throne, and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one that is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

### **Matthew 5.1-12**

**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 you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely in 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.

### **Post Communion**

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed will all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **PRAYER LIST**

**St Nicholas** – Caroline Pope, Cheryl Payne, Tom Battell, Minnie, Archie Butler, Christian Schumacher, Barbara Gibbons.  
**St Stephens** - Mona Watkins, Claire McFetridge, Samuel Moss, Ron Harradine, David Snell, Jennifer & Gerry Marks, Barry Slade  
**St Johns** – Hugh Hunter, Julie & Jo Charlton, Daphne & Peter Reed, Janice Reed, Claire Taylor. **The Benefice link with Rutendo in Zimbabwe.**

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS, THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

**Eileen Atherley**

**Rita Hall**

**Jack Doorey,**

**Sheila Eagle**

**Dorothy Wickham**

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