

Sunday 11th February 2018 – The Sunday Next Before Lent

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 11th February 2018

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 HC, CW
12.30 pm St Nicholas - Baptism – Maximillian Nicholson

Readings: 2 Corinthians 4.3-6, Mark 9.2-9

Communion of Wednesday 14th February – Ash Wednesday

10.00 am St Mary's Chapel HC with Ashing
7 pm St John's Church HC with Ashing

Services for Sunday 18th February 2018

8.00 am St Nicholas HC, BCP
9.00 am St Stephens HC, CW
10.30 am St Johns – Family Communion
10.30 am St Nicholas HC, CW
12.30 pm St Nicholas – Baptism – Conor Salmon

Readings: 1 Peter 3.18-22, Mark 1.9-15

Communion on Wednesday 21st February

10.00 am St Nicholas Church HC, BCP

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Sunday 11th February – Baptism at St Nicholas Church – Maximillian Nicholson – 12.30 pm.**
- **Wednesday 14th February – ASH WEDNESDAY – Holy Communion with Ashing – St Mary's Chapel – 10.00 am.**
Holy Communion with Ashing – St John's Church – 7 pm.
- **Sunday 18th February – Baptism at St Nicholas Church – Conor Salmon – 12.30 pm.**
- **Monday 19th February – Funeral at St Nicholas Church – Brian Bull – 1.30 pm.**
- **Friday 23rd February – Funeral at St Nicholas Church – Brigitta Haplin – 11 am. Burial at Godstone Burial Ground – noon.**
- **Saturday 24th February- Village Coffee Morning at St Stephen's Church. – 10 am – 12.30 pm.**

NOTICES

ST JOHN'S HAVE A BARN DANCE ON SATURDAY 24th FEBRUARY in the Parish Hall starting at 7 pm. Tickets £10 to include food. There will be a Raffle. Please contact Pauline on 01342 833638 for tickets.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR REQUIRED FOR ST STEPHEN'S SCHOOL – if you are interested in serving as a school governor, then please speak to Peter. This role is appointed by the PCC and therefore could be a parent at the school, a member of staff at the school, or anyone else who is interested.

FUNDRAISING – After an excellent December we have now raised more than £650 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 £283 for St Nicholas, £155 for St Johns and £213 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

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St Nicholas Church, Godstone

Readings for Sunday 11th February 2018

COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

2 CORINTHIANS 4.3-6

Paul has written that, given his dubious past with respect to Christians, it is only by God's mercy that he is engaged in spreading the good news. Unlike other itinerant preachers, he completely open about the gospel

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the God of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

MARK 9.2-9

Jesus has foretold his death and resurrection, and that God's kingdom will begin soon. Peter has recognized that he is the Messiah, the one expected to come to usher in the Kingdom at the end of the era.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!'. Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

POST COMMUNION

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER LIST

St Nicholas – Caroline Pope, Archie Butler, Christian Schumacher, Daphne Hughes. **St Stephens** - Mona Watkins, Claire McFetridge, Elaine Childs, Ron Harradine, David Snell, Jennifer & Gerry Marks, Barry Slade Joy McGuinness, Daphne Hodge **St Johns** – Hugh Hunter, Julie & Jo Charlton, Daphne & Peter Reed, Janice Reed, Jill Mundy. **The Benefice link with Rutendo in Zimbabwe.**

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS, THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

**Victor Smith, Kenneth Moody, Brian Bull,
Brigitta Haplin**

