

Sunday 13th May 2018 – The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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 13th May 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

Readings: Acts 1.15-17, 21-26, John 17.6-19

Communion on Wednesday 16th May

10.00 am St Nicholas Church HC, BCP

Services for Sunday 20th May 2018

8.00 am St Nicholas HC, BCP
9.00 am St Stephens HC, CW
10.30 am St Johns – Family Communion CW
10.30 am St Nicholas HC, CW

Readings: Acts 2.1-21, John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

Communion on Wednesday 23rd May

10.00 am ? ?

NOTICES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Tuesday 15th May – Holiday Club Discussion Meeting at St Stephen's Church – 8 pm.**
- **Friday 18th May – Funeral at St Nicholas Church followed by committal at Godstone Burial Ground – Clive Wilshin – 1.30 pm.**
- **Friday 25th May – Film Night at St Stephen's Church – showing "Coco" the new Disney film – 5.30 pm.**
- **Saturday 26th May – Village Coffee Morning at St Stephen's Church – 10 am – 12.30 pm.**
- **Saturday 2nd June – Café Connect at St Nicholas Youth Centre supporting Tandridge Befriending Service – 10.30 am – 12.30 pm.**

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - May 13-19 2018

After over 30 years of organizing the annual collection for Godstone, with first Dot Rao and later Carol Carey in S. Godstone, we have found it increasingly difficult to find enough volunteer collectors. We will not be collecting from all roads anymore, however, if any of the faithful regulars would like to continue, we have envelopes and authorisation badges.

Another option is to simply deliver, leaving a close by return address. It would be helpful to identify someone in each road who could be the "return address". Please let us know if you could help in that way. There are other fund raising events planned for May and we hope you will be able to support them. People across the world will have their lives changed by your giving.

Rita Hale – 01883 743032 Carol Carey – 01342 893189

HOLIDAY CLUB – I am hoping that we can run our Holiday Club once again this year, and would be grateful if anyone who can help can come to a meeting at St Stephen's on **Tuesday 15th May at 8 pm.** or to contact me with any offers of help. (Peter)

CAFÉ CONNECT – the wonderful sum of **£531.00** was raised for Christian Aid at last Saturday's Café Connect. Louise would like to say a very big thank you to all who supported this event and helped to raise such an amazing amount.

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 13th May – The Seventh Sunday of Easter

COLLECT

O God, the King of Glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

ACTS 1.15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scriptures had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-one of these must become a witness with us with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

JOHN 17.6-19

I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son, Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER LIST

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

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS, THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Michael Smyth

Clive Wilshin

