

Sunday 18th October 2026

Welcome to the United Benefice

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	St Stephen's	St Nicholas'	St John's
Sunday 18th	9.00am - Communion	10.30am - Praise at the Youth Centre	10.30am - Communion
Sunday 25th	9.00am - Morning Prayer	10.30am - Communion	10.30am - Morning Prayer

Please keep the following in your prayers this week:

St.Nicholas'	Stan Rodgers, Maureen Hollands, Nathan Jackson, Emilia, Joy Pinnegar, Stuart Cleaver
St.Stephen's	James Frost, Joyce Brown, Alex and Freya
St.John's	Basil McFarland, Fiona Mackenzie, Barbara Burch, Shirley Kemp, Coral Denyer, Sue & Chris Farr, Chris McPhail, Edgar, Pauline Ginner
Let us also remember those who have recently died.	Jennifer Marks, Joan Jones

Notices and Events

FOODBANK UPDATE The foodbank at St. Matthew's, Redhill is now helping about 200 people a week. Donations can be left at The Rectory. No perishables, out of date food, alcohol or medicines. Macaroni Cheese, Tinned Meat, Teabags, Squash, Juice, Oil.

COFFEE & COMPANY - Tuesday 20th October - 10.00am to noon at St Stephen's Church Hall.

Sunday 18th October - Gemma Curran from the Diocese will be coming to talk about regular giving to St Stephen's and St Nicholas and also about legacies.

Bingo at St John's Hall - Friday 23rd October at 7.00pm - £6 for book of 6 tickets

Save the date! Sunday Social Lunch with entertainment 25th October at 12pm. £12 adults £6 children. Please book via 01737 822312 or st.nicholasfundraiser@gmail.com

Stanley Fenemore - at this time of year we remember Sgt. Stanley Fenemore who was killed near Posterngate Farm on 15th October 1940.

All Soul's - there will be a service to remember those we have lost who are dear to us. This will be at St Nicholas' on Sunday 1st November at 4.00pm.

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 £5. For more information go to

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St Nicholas



St Stephen



St John



Collect

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the
land of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 96.1-9

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
tell out his salvation from day to
day.
Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.
For great is the Lord and greatly to be
praised;
he is more to be feared than all
gods.
For all the gods of the nations are but
idols;
it is the Lord who made the
heavens.
Honour and majesty are before him;
power and splendour are in his
sanctuary.
Ascribe to the Lord, you families of
the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honour and
strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to
his name;
bring offerings and come into his
courts.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of
holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before
him.

Matthew 22.15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted
to entrap Jesus in what he said. So
they sent their disciples to him, along
with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher,
we know that you are sincere, and
teach the way of God in accordance
with truth, and show deference to no
one; for you do not regard people
with partiality. Tell us, then, what you
think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the
emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of
their malice, said, 'Why are you
putting me to the test, you
hypocrites? Show me the coin used for
the tax.' And they brought him a
denarius. Then he said to them,
'Whose head is this, and whose title?'
They answered, 'The emperor's.'
Then he said to them, 'Give therefore
to the emperor the things that are the
emperor's, and to God the things that
are God's.' When they heard this,
they were amazed; and they left him
and went away.

Post Communion

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the
world
from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes
of our understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.