

Sunday 20th December 2020 – 4th Sunday of Advent

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 20th December 2020 - St Stephen's, South Godstone – live service on the church YouTube page rather than on Facebook now. **9.30 am**

Sunday 20th December 2020 – Communion Service at St Nicholas Church **10.30 am**

Thursday 24th December 2020 – CHRISTMAS EVE – internet service from St Stephen's Church **9.30 am**

Thursday 24th December 2020 - CHRISTMAS EVE – Midnight Mass at St Nicholas Church **11.30 pm**

Friday 25th December 2020 – CHRISTMAS DAY – internet service from St Stephen's Church **9.30 am**

Friday 25th December 2020 – CHRISTMAS DAY - Service at St Stephen's Church **10.30 am**

Sunday 27th December 2020 – Service at St John's Church, Blindley Heath **10.30 am**

Wednesday 6th January 2021 – funeral for Mr Brian Darnell at Surrey & Sussex Crematorium **1.15 pm**

PRAYER LIST

St Nicholas – Daphne Hughes, David Collins, Archie Butler, Arthur Bass, Tom Bull, Nicole Cleverly, Leslie Head, Stan Rodgers

St John's - Hugh Hunter, Janie Reed, Basil McFarland, Nicky Tredennick, Daphne Faulkner.

The Benefice link with Rutendo in Zimbabwe

.PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYER, THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:-

Brian Leslie Darnell

NOTICES

During the next few weeks, we will continue to have the live stream service on Youtube each Sunday at 9.30 am and also on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

On 20th December we will be at St Nicholas Church at 10.30 am and outside St Nicholas Church at 3 pm.

On Christmas Eve we will be outside St John's Church, Blindley Heath at 3 pm and in St Nicholas Church, Godstone at 11.30 pm.

GODSTONE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS MARKET – If you are on Facebook and stuck for unique Christmas present ideas, visit '**Godstone Village Xmas Market**' which shows a variety of stalls through the photo albums. If you wish to have a stall, the cost of this is £5, which will go to the United Benefice. **For more information, please contact either Karen (karen.jackson1958@btinternet.com) or Helen(helen_ocky@yahoo.co.uk)**

SURVEY FOR THE PATIENTS OF POND TAIL SURGERY IN GODSTONE – following the sad demise of Dr Khan-Gilbert in August this year, Dr Shazia Chaudhary and her team are continuing to provide high quality care to the patients of Pond Tail surgery. This is a short term solution so Surrey Heartlands Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is working with Pond Tail Surgery to review all available options for the delivery of long term sustainable primary health care for patients registered with the practice.

The survey can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PondTail>

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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
godstonebenefice.org.uk



St Nicholas Church, Godstone

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NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS – The **CD of this is now available.** It has been professionally duplicated and printed and sounds great! **£5 a copy. PLEASE CONTACT PETER (as above).**

THANK YOU – I am sure that we would all like to thank Peter our Rector for organizing the **Service of Nine Lessons and Carols** for this CD, and also Mary for the music and Caleb for the recording. It goes without saying that the choir and readers also need a thank you too. The CD is wonderful and very professionally produced. So once again thank you to everyone who was involved with the production. It has brought cheer to a large number of us during this crisis. **SO THANK YOU ONE AND ALL.**

STARS – thank you to every one of you who made **Christmas Stars** to go along the Bay Pond. We started putting them up on Wednesday and there are more to come. There are already 200 in place and they look wonderful. Lots of people have commented how cheerful they look and how varied. It is a great community project which is being enjoyed by all. Thank you.

LATEST LOCKDOWN – Now we have entered into **TIER 3**, Louise Case is once again working with the Godstone Parish Council to provide a care and support service for the village. This includes volunteers who can collect shopping, prescriptions, make phone contact, post letters and walk a dog etc for those of you who are having difficulties with such tasks. The 'lending library' and a few puzzles are also still available.

In addition, there are emergency grants that can be applied for via the Godstone Parish Council. The local restaurants and public houses continue to offer takeaway meals and the Godstone Inn is already offering a takeaway menu for Christmas! Glebe House, using their van called Maude, continues to be available on a **SATURDAY morning outside the Hare and Hounds.**

Hopefully everyone is keeping well and safe and will have remembered to book for their flu vaccination. Louise is available with others to help. **Just ring Louise on 01883 740182**

A BIG THANK YOU to Knights Garden Centre at Naggs Hall who have donated to us a wonderful Christmas tree and to those who have decorated the tree.

FOODBANK UPDATE

– the Foodbank at St Matthew's. Redhill continues to be very busy, providing food for about 80 families a week. Of course that covers households of varying sizes, so the number of people in need is well over that number. **Donations can be left at The Rectory. There is a bin on the doorstep. These donations are taken to Redhill on Fridays. The foodbank is closed between Christmas and New Year, except for urgent collections only on Wednesday 30th December. Regular families are being given extra supplies for this period.** There are two different initiatives for donations this Christmas:-

1. **Collection of Christmas treats, is now closed as the food parcels for next week are already prepared**
2. **'Reverse' Advent Calendar. For every day of Advent, place an item from our shopping list in a box or bag. Please donate items in the New Year.**

There is a shopping list at <https://www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk/shopping-list> which will tell you the items that are needed most. Please no perishable food, out-of-date food, alcohol or medicines.

Shopping List – top 5 items this week:-

Long-life milk, Tinned cold meat (eg. Ham, chicken), Hot chocolate, instant rice, instant mash. Please also consider donating money instead of food as this enables stocks to be topped up as needed. Details are on the Foodbank website.

Please contact Liz Windridge for more information liz@godstonebenefice.org.uk.
