

# Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – 3rd 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 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020 - St Stephen's, South Godstone** – live service on the church YouTube page rather than on Facebook now. (which parishioners may attend) **9.30 am**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Communion Service at St John's Church and at St Stephen's Church** **10.30 am**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – funeral for Mrs Ida Fuller at St Nicholas Church followed by committal at Godstone Burial Ground** **11.00 am**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Communion Service at St Nicholas Church** **10.30 am**

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

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – CHRISTMAS DAY – broadcast from St Stephen's Church** **9.30 am**

## 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:-**

**Ida Fuller**

## NOTICES

**We have now been back in Church from the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020.** The live stream service on Youtube will continue to be held at **9.30 am each Sunday.**

**We will now have as well a 10.30 am service each Sunday** which will be rotated round the three churches (seats have been marked out to allow households to sit 2 meters from those of other households)

**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](mailto:karen.jackson1958@btinternet.com)) or Helen([helen\\_ocky@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:helen_ocky@yahoo.co.uk))**

**CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS** – Jenny Bull is once again making her Christmas puddings this year – normal, vegan and gluten types available. **3lb - £16.50, 2lb- £12.00 and 1lb - £7.50.** Please contact Jenny on **01883 743359** to order or further information.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** – we now have 4 Christmas card designs available to purchase at **£3 for 5 cards with envelopes.** They are:- **The Annunciation window at St Nicholas, St Nicholas church in snow, The Nativity window at St Johns and St Stephen's in the snow.** **PLEASE CONTACT PETER (contact details above) to order.**

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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](mailto:benefice@godstone.net)  
[godstonebenefice.org.uk](http://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** – **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**

## **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.**

There are two different initiatives for donations this Christmas:-.

1. **Collection of Christmas treats eg. Chocolates, biscuits, large bottles of drink (non-alcoholic). These items need to be delivered by 18<sup>th</sup> December.**
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:-** tinned Vegetarian meals (veg curry, veg chilli, veg Fray Bentos pies), Tinned cold meat (eg ham, chicken), Hot chocolate, Squash, Tomato Ketchup (smaller bottles preferred please) 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](mailto:liz@godstonebenefice.org.uk).**





















