

Sunday 6th December 2020 – 2nd 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 6th 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 6th December 2020 – Annual Toy Service at St Nicholas Church, Godstone **10.30 am**

Tuesday 15th December – funeral for Mrs Ida Fuller at St Nicholas Church followed by committal at Godstone Burial Ground **11.00 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:-

Florence Dalton

Derek Watts

Ida Fuller

NOTICES

We are back in Church on the 6th December 2020. On this date the annual Toy Service at St Nicholas Church will be held at **10.30 am**. The live stream service on Youtube will continue to be held at **9.30 am each Sunday**.

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)**

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.

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)

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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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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. Until our churches are open, **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 18th 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, Tinned cold meat, Tinned Spaghetti, 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.

who is interested in reading about him can get in touch with Graham Millar graham.millar@btclick.com who will be happy to email you the updated information folder about this gentleman.

SGT. STANLEY FENEMORE –THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN AIRMAN SHOT DOWN BETWEEN GODSTONE AND SOUTH GODSTONE – his medals and flight log are kept in St Nicholas Church. Anyone
