

The Benefice of St George's, Benenden & St Nicholas, Sandhurst

Our Mission: "To know and love Jesus and make his love known to all"

Our Worship: Sunday 6th September The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 6th September - Benefice Services:

Readings: Romans 13.8-end, Matthew 18.15-20

8am HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS, SANDHURST
led by Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Revd David Commander

10am HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S, BENENDEN
led by Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Revd David Commander

THE WEEK AHEAD

8am Morning Prayer – at St George's on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. At the Mission Church, Sandhurst on Tuesday
led by Revd David Commander

Sunday Next: Sunday 13th September– The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 14.1-12, Matthew 18.21-35

8am HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S, BENENDEN
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10am HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS, SANDHURST
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen & Lyn Hayes

Daily Scripture and Reflection is posted on the St Nicholas & St George's church websites and Facebook pages every day of the week. Please take a look.

PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON THE CHURCH WEBSITES AND / OR FACEBOOK PAGES FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION REGARDING OUR CHURCH SERVICES

Church Websites: <http://www.benendenchurch.org/> <https://stnicholassandhurst.org/>

Facebook Pages: [@StGeorgesBenenden](https://www.facebook.com/StGeorgesBenenden) [@StNicholasSandhurst](https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasSandhurst)

A Church Near You: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/>

Readings: Sunday 6th September – 13th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 13.8-end

Love for One Another

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

An Urgent Appeal

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 18.15-20

Reproving Another Who Sins

¹⁵ 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

St. George's Church – Annual Meeting

Now the church is open again after the Coronavirus lockdown, it is time to get back to our church work. The annual church meeting in April was cancelled so it is now being held on **23rd September 2020 in St. George's Church, starting at 7:30pm.** At this meeting we hold our elections and give reports on what has been happening to our church family since the last annual meeting. This year Tracy Claridge is standing down as Churchwarden after six years, the Deanery Synod representatives need electing and there are spaces on our Parochial Church Council. There will also be reports from Revd David Commander and other groups connected to the church.



So please do come along. We cannot offer refreshments this year, but you will get a warm welcome.

Julia Collard, PCC Secretary

Bellringing at St George's: Regular weekly bellringing practice at St George's has resumed on a Wednesday evening. This usually takes place from 7 to 9pm but likely practice times are 7.30 to 8.30pm whilst Covid regulations are in place.

Friday bellringing will be confirmed on a weekly basis but is generally 7.45 to 9pm.

All necessary Covid19 government regulations re social distancing and the wearing of masks etc will be adhered to.

Friends of Kent Churches

Ride and Stride

Saturday 12th September from 10am to 6pm

Geoff Davidson is seeking sponsorship. David Carter and Jack Drew will also be cycling for St Nicholas. Their sponsor forms are in Church. Please do support them. Half the money raised will go to our churches. The other half goes to the Friends of Kent Churches who have recently made a grant to St Nicholas for £1,500 towards the cost of the Church roof security alarm. ATW

St Nicholas: The Churchyard has been put to bed for the winter! Huge thanks to Bob Houlden who has spent many, many hours in recent weeks tidying the Garden of Remembrance. Now that the flowers have set seed, he has strimmed the Churchyard. Thank you Bob - it looks great. ATW

**St Nicholas Church APCM
7pm - Monday 14th September
in St Nicholas Church**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO:
THE WEALD GREENHOUSE
RELAUNCHED – VIA ZOOM**

Thursday 17th September 7.30 to 9.15pm

Weald Greenhouse is a new resource for people who want to sow seeds of faith in their local communities, networks and work places. It will support, inspire and equip local Christians who want to try new ways of gathering small groups which share faith, explore the big questions of life and pray together. It's for anyone interested in how to grow new kinds of church for people who don't or won't do Sunday church. Find out more at gkchurch.org/greenhouse

RSVP for zoom link and more info:

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Sponsored Pilgrimage Walk from Etchingam to Canterbury
by Phillip Hinde, PCC Treasurer of The Assumption of Blessed Mary
& St Nicholas, Etchingam

“Back in May I had planned a Christian Aid fundraising pilgrimage walk from my home parish in Etchingam to Canterbury (a couple of years ago I did a successful walk from Etchingam to our own mother church in Chichester). Because of Covid that was curtailed and during Christian Aid Week itself, due to the lock-down, I was only able to walk to our neighbouring parish of Salehurst and to the historic site of Robertsbridge Abbey. However generous sponsors helped me reach my initial fundraising target of £1500 and, to repay their faith, I will be setting out in the third week of September to complete my route and hopefully raise a few more £s.

I plan to pass St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst at around 2.30pm on Tuesday 15th September. Meeting people, as I did when I walked to Chichester, is difficult, but I hope you will at least hold me and the work of Christian Aid in your thoughts and prayers.”

Phillip has a flier ‘Walking to Canterbury 2020 – A difficult pilgrimage!’ (copies in church). Any sponsorship would be most welcome to help him reach his new target of £2,000.

More info at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Phillip-Hinde>

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