

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

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

Our Worship: Sunday 31st August Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Collect: O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 31st August – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Hebrews 13.1-8 & 15-16, Luke 14.1 & 7-14

8 am	BENEFICE SERVICE 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS led by Revd David Commander
10 am	BENEFICE SERVICE ALL AGE HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S led by Revd David Commander <i>Hymns:</i> 242 Come Holy Spirit, come 712 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us 451 Just as I am (HC) 423 And now, O Father, mindful of the love 507 We have a gospel to proclaim
2 – 4 pm	SUMMER TEAS AT ST GEORGE'S

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 1 st	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 2 nd	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	11.30 am	MLT meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church
Wednesday 3 rd	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	9 – 11 am	Drop in Café & Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 4 th	7 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 5 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
Saturday 6 th	9.30 – 12 noon	Churchyard Working Party at St George's

Sunday Next: 7th September – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Philemon 1-21, Luke 14.25-33

8 am	HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
8 am	1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS led by Revd David Commander
10 am	ALL AGE HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S led by Revd David Commander
5 pm	CHORAL EVENSONG AT ST GEORGE'S led by David Harmsworth <i>Readings: Isaiah 43.14-44.5, John 5.30-end. Psalm 121</i>

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Hebrews 13.1-8 & 13.15-16

¹³Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' ⁶So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Luke 14.1 & 14.7-14

¹⁴On one occasion when Jesus^a was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous'

Home Groups:

Sandhurst Home Group: Resumes on Monday 1st September, at the Mission Church.

Benenden Home Group: Resumes on, or after, 23rd September.

Prayers:

Peter Driver sadly passed away on the 18th August. Please hold his wife, Teresa, and their family in your prayers. A funeral service will be held for Peter on Wednesday 10th September, at St George's Church, at 12.15pm

Elizabeth Moore: A Thanksgiving Service has been arranged for t/l Elizabeth Moore, who passed away on the 1st August; this will take place at St George's Church on Friday 19th September at 2pm. The service is being conducted by the Revd Jenny McPherson, a friend of the family. The service will be followed by the interment of ashes. We hold the soul of Elizabeth and her family and friends in our prayers.

Peter Rawlinson: I pass on the sad news from Adam and Christine that Adam's father, Peter, died on Tuesday 26th August. No other details are known at this stage, other than Peter's funeral will take place at St Nicholas Church at a date yet to be arranged. Please hold Peter's wife, Ann, in your prayers and Adam and the rest of the family at this hard time for them.

We pray for and give thanks for the marriage ceremony yesterday in St Nicholas Church of Oliver Kicks and Scarlett Atherton. We ask that God would bless their married life together.

Kent Churches' "Ride 'n' Stride" Saturday 13th September. 10 am – 6 pm

St George's - We need a new coordinator!

Someone who can organise the advertising and posters and ensure that refreshments and the provided 'sign-in' paperwork are available in the church on the day.

Could this be you? If so, please speak to Revd David.

St Nicholas - All being well, Ian Verran and David Carter and his son in law are going to ride for St Nicholas Church. This is great news. They will have sponsor forms at the back of the church. Please do sponsor them.

The Friends of Kent Churches have recently made a generous grant for the window work at St Nicholas. So, it would be great if you could sponsor Ian and David as 50% of the money raised goes to the Friends and 50% to St Nicholas.

If anyone else would like to take part please contact St Nicholas' Co-ordinator, Anne Tylden-Wright on Tel 850 281.


St George's – Churchyard Working Party

Saturday 6th September from 9.30 am to 12 noon. Please do join us if you are able. Dick Hill

St Nicholas Churchyard: Grass Cutting & Raking Up

Bob has worked very hard to get the long grass cut and raked up around the church which looks wonderfully neat and tidy, thank you Bob. Bob will be starting on the rest of the churchyard during the first week of September (weather permitting) and will need help with raking up once everything has dried. If you have a couple of hours to spare to rake up, please let Bob, Catherine or Anne T-W know.



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