

# St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September Harvest

**Collect:** Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 26<sup>th</sup> September - The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Harvest at St Nicholas

*Readings: St George's: James 5.13-end, Mark 9.38-end*

*St Nicholas (HARVEST): 2 Corinthians 9.6-15, Luke 12:16-31*

8 am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S</b> led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
10 am	<b>HARVEST HOLY COMMUNION - FAMILY SERVICE - AT ST NICHOLAS</b> led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen <i>followed by harvest brunch</i> <i>Hymns: 101 Come, ye thankful people, come</i> <i>534 We plough the fields and scatter</i> <i>137 For the beauty of the earth</i> <i>21 All things bright and beautiful</i>
12 noon	<b>Memorial Service t/l Charles Lenox- Conyngham at St George's</b>

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Home Group at the Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at the Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	4 – 5.30 pm	Blend Youth Group (Yrs 7-9) at the Mission Church
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	9 – 11 am	Drop in Café & Toddler Group at the Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Shop at Benenden Memorial Hall
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 11.30 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's

### Sunday Next: 3<sup>rd</sup> October - The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity Harvest at St George's

*Readings: St Nicholas: Hebrews 1.1-4 & 2.5-12; Mark 10.2-16*

*St George's HARVEST: 2 Cor. 9.6-15; Luke 12.16-31*

8 am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS</b>
<u>11 am</u>	<b>HARVEST HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S</b> led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie <i>followed by harvest lunch in church</i>

## Readings: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September - HARVEST

### **2 Corinthians 9.6-15**

<sup>6</sup> The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'

<sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

### **Luke 12:16-31**

<sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" <sup>18</sup>Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

### **Do Not Worry**

<sup>22</sup> He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. <sup>30</sup>For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.'

**Prayers: With great sadness we have to tell of the death of Bob Willard.** Bob was for many years a churchwarden at St Nicholas and together with Eve played a very active part in the life of our church. We pray for Eve, and for the family, and for all those who will mourn Bob's passing. Revd Rosemary

# Harvest Service at St Nicholas 10 am - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September



Any donations brought to our Harvest service are this year being given to The Trussell Trust. This is a national Food Bank organisation. Their local outlet is in Hastings; but they have very recently set up a hub in Hawkhurst. The Trussell Trust can help support families that are in need and referred to them who live in Sandhurst. They have recently, to my knowledge, helped one Sandhurst family; so any donations we make at our Harvest service can be used by local families.

To help the Trussell Trust, they would appreciate donations of tinned foods: meat, fish, puddings, fruit, vegetables etc. They are also in need of toiletries at this time (deodorants, shampoo, toothpaste etc. but not sanitary products).

If you can help by donating tinned food products and also toiletries, we will then get them to the Trust to distribute to those in need. Thank you. Revd David

## Home Groups in Benenden and Sandhurst:

**The Home Group at the Mission Church, Sandhurst will be starting up again next week** after a long Covid-enforced break. ***We are, however, moving it from a Wednesday evening to a Monday evening.*** This term we are going to be looking at some of the Psalms together. There are usually seven of us, but more are always welcome. It's a social time, chatting with a tea/coffee, and then talking about a bit of scripture and how it might apply to us today. **Please come and join us; 7.30pm, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September, at the Mission Church.** Revd David

**The Tuesday Home Group will hold a Social Evening on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7 Fuggles Court at 8pm.** to discuss how this group will run in the future. Anyone who is interested in exploring aspects of the Bible is very welcome to come along. David Collard 01580 241944

**More books from Dick Dengate:** Some of you will no doubt be aware that the Revd Dick Dengate has already had books published. Indeed, you may already own one or more of them. However, he has recently produced two more books – 'A Sundry Array of Pictures. Thoughts and Songs' (Reflecting a life of Farming, Family and Faith) and also 'Around the World with Irene' (A million shared memories from journeys around the world with my wife). The latter is a collection of photographs. These are available to purchase at a cost of £7.50 each. Dick would be happy to donate £2.50 of this to the church. The remainder will go towards the cost of the initial printing. If you would like to buy a copy of one or both of these please contact Katherine O'Neil – 01580 850159.

**St Nicholas Churchyard grass cutting and clearing up:** Last Monday afternoon was an amazing hive of activity of raking, gathering and clearing the grass in the churchyard which was piled high and burnt. Thanks to the terrific help of a dozen volunteers the job was almost completed, there is just a bit more raking to do which hopefully will be completed by this Sunday morning. Huge thanks to everyone who helped and for the generous donation towards the cost of the contractors who cut the grass. ATW

**Blend after school youth group for school Years 7-9 meets on Tuesdays in term time from 4 to 5.30pm.** No booking is required, just turn up. All those in school Years 7, 8 and 9 from all schools are very welcome. It is great way to meet new friends. £1 per session. Vicki Young

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