

St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst

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

Our Worship: Sunday 5th September The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 5th September - The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: James 2.1-10, 14-17, Mark 7.24-end

8 am	HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS led by Revd David Commander
10 am	HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S led by Revd David Commander

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 6 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Tuesday 7 th	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 taster session (Y7s only) at the Mission Church
Wednesday 8 th	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 9 th	10 – 11.30 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
Friday 10 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Saturday 11 th	10 am – 6pm	<i>Kent Churches Ride & Stride</i>

Sunday Next: 12th September - The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: James 2.1-10, 14-17, Mark 7.24-end

8 am	HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S led by Revd David Commander
10 am	HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen & Revd David Commander

Covid restrictions: Over the last few weeks of the eased Covid restrictions and guidelines in church, it is apparent that the vast majority are happy to sit together and sing. We are therefore, from this Sunday, opening up the whole of the central nave as an area where social distancing and the wearing of face coverings is optional. The area at the rear of church on the right hand side (south side) will be the "safe zone" for those who would prefer to be socially distanced and/or wearing face coverings or not singing. Please respect the feelings of everyone as they come to worship together. Revd David

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James 2.1-10

Warning against Partiality

²My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

James 2.14-17

Faith without Works Is Dead

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Mark 7.24-end

The Syrophenician Woman's Faith

²⁴From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁸But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' ²⁹Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Jesus Cures a Deaf Man³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Blend is back for YEAR 7 ONLY on Tuesday 7th September at 4pm. No booking required, just turn up. All Year 7s from all schools are welcome. It is great way to meet new friends. £1 per session. **Blend for Years 7-9 restarts on Tuesday 14th September.** Vicki Young

Friends of Kent Churches Ride & Stride Saturday 11th September 10am- 6pm: It is time for the Bike Ride around the Churches again; a great fun way to spend a day. If anyone would like to take part, full details are available from Anne Tylden-Wright Tel 850281

Churchyard grass cutting and raking up: Thank you to those who have raked up Bob's strimming work. The main cut is scheduled to take place on 6th and 7th September. Weather permitting, if we allow a week for it to dry, volunteers to help rake up will be very welcome the following week. Please contact the Churchwardens.

Harvest Festival at St Nicholas - Sunday 26th September: If you have fruit, vegetables or flowers that can be used to decorate St Nicholas, or if you would like to donate towards the cost of the flowers, please contact Anne Tylden-Wright 850281

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.

On-line Deepening Discipleship Course – Autumn 2021

The Diocese of Canterbury is offering an online (via Zoom) Deepening Discipleship course commencing 30th September. Over the course of the eight (1.5 hour) sessions participants will explore their personal journey of calling and discipleship. Particular emphasis is placed on how God calls us individually to serve him in our everyday lives of work, family and community life.

Course Content (7.00pm-8.15pm)

Week 1	Identity and Origins	30 September 2021
Week 2	Belovedness and Listening	7 October 2021
Week 3	Calling and Gifting	14 October 2021
Week 4	Testing and Trusting	21 October 2021
Week 5	Discipleship and Life	4 November 2021
Week 6	Good News and Us	11 November 2021
Week 7	Kingdom Through Church	18 November 2021
Week 8	God's Mission and our Discipleship	25 November 2021

As part of course enrolment participants will be sent the zoom link and also information on how to register for the Diocesan Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).

During the course participants will meet regularly (2-3 times) with their course accompanier and on course completion be offered an optional 'next steps' meeting with either the course facilitators or the Lay Ministries course coordinator. They will also receive a certificate of completion.

For full information and an application form, please email benendenchurch@gmail.com

The closing date for applications is 13 September 2021

VACANCY - Church Administrator - Part Time Trinity Church Sissinghurst & St Mary's Church Frittenden

We are looking to employ a part time administrator to help in the running of the two churches. Working closely with the Rector, Revd Pete Deaves, the role involves:

- * Collation and preparation of weekly Orders of Services, co-ordinating printing and distribution.
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- * Setting up and operating or linking to Google calendars for booking of events.
- * Preparation of monthly expense claims.
- * Administration for weddings, funerals and baptisms.

Hours & location - it is envisaged that the role will take approximately twenty hours per month. Some tasks need to be done weekly and others on an occasional or periodic basis so there is need for flexibility over a month. The post holder will be able to work from home. If this is not possible then a room could be made available in the Sissinghurst Parish rooms.

Essential skills – we are looking for someone who is personable, unflappable, highly organised, a good communicator and a confident user of Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, Adobe Acrobat and email.

Applicants do not need to be a practising Christian to apply, however a knowledge of the Church of England and a motivation to support the growth of the local church will be a distinct advantage.

Remuneration – The position will attract a salary of £300 per month.

Duration - as this is a new role the initial term is for one year during which time it will be regularly reviewed.

*If you would like more details, please speak to Revd Pete Deaves (852275), or one of the Wardens:
Joanna Beech (852312), Pennie Durie (712612),
Fraser McKie (291038) or John Stansfeld (852185)*

*If you would like to apply, please send a CV and covering letter to John Stansfeld,
john.stansfeld@gmail.com by Wednesday September 15th*

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