

St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst

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

Our Worship: Sunday 7th September Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 7th September – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Philemon 1-21, Luke 14.25-33

8 am	1662 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>

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 8 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Home Group at the Mission Church
Tuesday 9 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at the Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	11.30 am	Sandhurst Worship Group meeting at the Mission Church
Wednesday 10 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	9 – 11 am	Drop in Café & Toddler Group at the Mission Church
	7 pm	D&M Prayer Meeting at the Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Friday 12 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Saturday 13 th	10 am – 6 pm	Kent Churches' 'Ride and Stride'
	10.15 – 11.15 am	Deanery Bellringers at St Nicholas

Sunday Next: 14th September – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 1 Timothy 1.12-17, Luke 15.1-10

8 am	1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
10 am	HOLY COMMUNION & BAPTISM of Maya Hawkins AT ST NICHOLAS led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Lyn Hayes

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Philemon 1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier,
and to the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we ^d may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸ For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Luke 14.25-33

²⁵ Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Prayers:

t/I Peter Rawlinson: I pass on the sad news that Peter died on Tuesday 26th August. Please hold Peter's wife, Anne in your prayers, as well as Adam, Christine and the rest of the family. Peter's funeral will be at St Nicholas Church at 12 noon on Tuesday 16th September. DJC

Sandhurst PCC will meet on Monday 15th September, at 7pm at the Mission Church.

Home Groups:

Sandhurst Home Group: Meets on Mondays at 7.30 pm at the Mission Church.

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

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 soon be starting on the rest of the churchyard and desperately needs help with strimming and raking up once everything has dried.

If you have a couple of hours to spare to rake up, please let Bob, Catherine or Anne know. Thank you. ATW

Kent Churches Ride & Stride - Saturday 13th September. 10am - 6pm.

All being well, Ian Verran and David Carter and his son in law are going to ride for St Nicholas Church, which is great news. They 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. 50% of the money raised goes to the Friends of Kent Churches and 50% to St Nicholas.

If anyone else would like to take part please contact Anne Tylden-Wright on Tel 850 281.

Deanery Roadshow – The Weald

Thursday 25th September 2025, from 6.45 pm

St. Dunstan's Church, Stone Street, Cranbrook TN17 3HA

Deanery Roadshows are a chance to gather together to find out more about work happening across our diocese. The theme of this year's roadshow is:

The Next Steps to Growth

Everyone is welcome to attend but these will be particularly relevant for:

- Clergy
- School Leaders
- Parish Officers (e.g. churchwardens, treasurers)
- Deanery Officers
- Lay Ministers

There will be a choice of three workshops:

- Generous Giving & Parish Support
- Leading your Church into Growth
- Children, Young People & Education: Welcoming the 'Quiet Revival'

Timetable:

6.45 pm Refreshments

7 pm Welcome

Worship

Noticeboard

Safeguarding

8 pm Workshops

Good news stories from the Deanery

Thanks and Blessing

9 pm Finish

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

‘Grief Talks’ – 10 am Saturday 20th September at Sandhurst Mission Church
Autumn Pilgrimage Walk – 10 am Saturday 27th September depart St George’s
Connect Four – 4 pm, Saturday 27th September at Sandhurst Mission Church
Harvest Service at St George’s – 10 am, Sunday 28th September



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