

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 May - Trinity Sunday

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 May – Trinity Sunday

Readings: 2 Corinthians 13.11-end, Matthew 28.16-end

8 am BENEFICE 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S
led by Revd David Commander

10 am BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS
led by Revd David Commander & Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

Hymns:

212	<i>Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty</i>
171	<i>God is our strength from days of old</i>
317	<i>Lord, the light of your love</i>
137	<i>For the beauty of the earth</i>
506	<i>This is my body (In love for me) – Communion</i>

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 1 st	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	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 David Commander <i>No Benenden Home Group in June</i>
Wednesday 3 rd		<i>Morning Prayer today</i>
	9 – 11 am	Drop in Café & Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Bellingring Practice at St George's
Thursday 4 th	10 – 11.30 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7 pm	Choir Practice at Iden Green Congregational Church
Friday 5 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	4.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal at St Nicholas
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellingring – Quarter Peal Attempt – at St George's
Saturday 6 th	9.30 am - noon	Churchyard Working Party at St George's
	3 pm	Wedding of Megan Clube & Robbie Murch at St Nicholas

Sunday Next: 7th June – The First Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 4.13-end, Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

8 am HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL 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 COMMUNION AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
led by Revd David Commander

2 – 5 pm 'TEAS IN THE CHURCHYARD' AT ST NICHOLAS

5 pm EVENING PRAYER IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S
led by Revd David Commander

Readings 1 Samuel 18.1-16, Luke 8.41-end. Psalm 41

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2 Corinthians 13.11-end

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Matthew 28.16-end

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Please note: Today, Sunday 31st May, is a 5th Sunday so there are Benefice services in both Parishes. Please join us at 10 am at St Nicholas for Revd Ylva's last service in the Benefice.

Home Groups:

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

Benenden: There will be no meetings in June. The next date will be confirmed when decided.

Churchyard Working Party at St George's – Saturday 6th June from 9.30 am to noon.

Please do join us if you are able. Dick Hill

**Please join us for 'Teas in the Churchyard' at
St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst
Church Road, TN18 5NS
on Sunday 7th June 2026 from 2pm until 5pm**



***Tea and cakes for sale. *Plant spotting for children.**

***See the architecture through the years. *'Cherish your Churchyard' week**

Revd Ylva: At this morning's Benefice Service in Sandhurst, we gather with gratitude and affection to bid farewell to Revd Ylva, who has faithfully served both Parishes throughout her Curacy and as Assistant Priest for the past six years.

During her time among us, Ylva has enriched our lives in countless ways – leading us in worship with wisdom and grace, introducing many to the joy and fellowship of local pilgrimages, and offering compassionate pastoral care to those in need. Above all, she has been a trusted friend, whose kindness, warmth, and faithfulness have touched the hearts of so many.

While we will miss Ylva deeply, we give thanks for all she has shared with our communities. We send her on her next chapter with our love, prayers, and heartfelt gratitude, wishing her every blessing and happiness in the years ahead.



Benenden Village Fete in support of St George's Church - Saturday 13th June - 12 - 4 pm

Help is required, please, on Friday 12th June, throughout the whole day, to set up, starting at 9 am.

Revd David

Archdeacons' Visitation Service

Choral Evensong at Canterbury Cathedral

5.30pm on Monday 15th June

At this service your newly elected Churchwardens for Benenden & Sandhurst will be sworn into office. Please come along to support them.

⚓ Shanties & Songs of the Sea with The Rye Bay Crew ⚓

at St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst

Saturday 11th July 2026 at 7 pm

Tickets on sale in advance or on the door. £12.50 per person. More details to follow.

Loss & Grief Café - Time to share & reflect

Saturday 27th June - 10 am to 12 noon

at the Mission Church, Back Road, Sandhurst TN18 5JU



Coming to terms with the loss of someone we love can feel overwhelming and deeply personal. Even when we know they are at peace, grief can bring many different emotions — sadness, loneliness, confusion, anger, or simply a sense of missing them deeply.

We warmly invite you to join us for a gentle and supportive morning where we can explore grief together through conversation, readings, and simple crafting activities. This will be a safe and welcoming space where you can talk, listen, reflect, or simply be alongside others who understand.

Sometimes it helps to share with people who have experienced loss themselves, and sometimes it is enough just to know that someone is there to listen.

For more information or to book your free place, please contact

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