

# St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June The Third Sunday after Trinity

**Collect:** Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 21<sup>st</sup> June – The Third Sunday after Trinity

*Readings: Romans 6.1b-11, Matthew 10.24-39*

<b>8 am</b>	<b>1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS</b> led by Revd David Commander
<b>10 am</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL</b> led by Revd David Commander & Sarah Emanuel

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8 am 7.30 pm	Morning Prayer at the Rectory Sandhurst Home Group at the Mission Church
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8 am 10 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church Holy Communion at the Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen <i>No Benenden Home Group in June</i>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	8 am 9 – 11 am 7.30 – 9. 15 pm	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church Drop in Café & Toddler Group at the Mission Church Bellringing Practice <i>at St Nicholas</i> <i>(4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month)</i>
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 11.30 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at the Mission Church
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	8 am 10.30 am  9 – 11 am 2.30 pm	Morning Prayer at the Rectory Interment of t/l Andrew Lee-Amies at St Nicholas conducted by Lyn Hayes Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at the Mission Church Thanksgiving Service for t/l Fergus Henderson at St Laurence Church, Hawkhurst conducted by Revd David Commander
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10 am – 12 noon 4 pm	<b>'Grief Talks' at the Mission Church</b> <b>CONNECT FOUR – Family Service – at the Mission Church</b>

### Sunday Next: 28<sup>th</sup> June – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

*Readings: Romans 6.12-end, Matthew 10.40-end*

<b>8 am</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S</b> led by Revd David Commander
<b>10 am</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST AT ST NICHOLAS</b> led by Revd David Commander & Sarah Emanuel

## **Readings: Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June – The Third Sunday after Trinity**

### **Romans 6.1b-11**

<sup>6.2b</sup> Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

### **Matthew 10.24-39**

<sup>24</sup> 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup> 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup> 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother,

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; <sup>36</sup> and one's foes will be members of one's own household. <sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

### **Home Groups:**

**Sandhurst:** Next 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.

**Teas in the Churchyard at St Nicholas:** A huge thank you to all those who baked, set up, washed up, cleared up and sorted out. We raised over £400 for St Nicholas. With thanks to all those involved and to all those who visited. CE

# Loss & Grief Café - Time to share & reflect

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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  
Lyn Hayes on: 07792 332 904 or email: [lindapin@aol.com](mailto:lindapin@aol.com)

## **Shanties & Songs of the Sea with The Rye Bay Crew** **at St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 7 pm**

Set sail for an evening of music, merriment and maritime tradition.

**The Rye Bay Crew** bring their acclaimed **Shanties & Songs of the Sea** concert to town.

This talented troupe of professional musicians is passionate about keeping the old sea songs alive and thriving. Expect stirring shanties, rousing choruses, captivating stories from the coast, and plenty of opportunities to sing along and join in the fun.

Whether you're a lifelong lover of folk music or simply looking for an entertaining evening out, come aboard and enjoy a swashbuckling night of song, laughter and community spirit.

**All hands on deck – we look forward to welcoming you!**



Tickets available on the door or in advance by scanning the QR code.  
£13 per person  
**Refreshments available**

**We are organising a**  
**'Songs of Praise'**  
**at St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst**  
**on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 5 pm**  
*followed by refreshments & fellowship*  
**All are welcome. Please help spread the word!**



## KENT POLICE MALE VOICE CHOIR

# CONCERT

*St. Nicholas Church, Sandhurst TN18 5NS*

*Saturday 25th July 2026 at 7.30 pm*

*Tickets £15 (under 18-year-olds free) are*


*available on the door  
or pre-pay via the QR code*



*Refreshments via donation*



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