

St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst

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

Our Worship: Sunday 5th July The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 5th July – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 7.15-25a, Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

8 am	1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
10 am	ALL AGE COMMUNION AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL led by Revd David Commander
2 – 4 pm	St George's Summer Teas at Benenden Memorial Hall
5 pm	EVENING PRAYER IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S led by Sarah Emanuel <i>Readings: 2 Samuel 2.1-11 & 3.1, Luke 18.31-19.10. Psalm 56</i>

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 6 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	11 am	Sandhurst Churchwardens' meeting at the Rectory
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at the Mission Church
Tuesday 7 th		<i>No Morning Prayer today (Revd David's day off in lieu of Thursday)</i>
	10 am	Holy Communion at the Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	7.30 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 8 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	9 – 11 am	Drop in Café & Toddler Group at the Mission Church
	2 – 3 pm	SPS to St Nicholas – 'God's Acre'
Thursday 9 th	10 – 11.30 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at the Mission Church
Friday 10 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at the Mission Church
	9.15 am	SPS Leavers' Service at St Nicholas
Saturday 11 th	7 pm	The Rye Bay Crew – Concert at St Nicholas

Sunday Next: 12th July – The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 8.1-11, Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

8 am	1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S led by Revd David Commander
10 am	ALL AGE COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
2 – 4 pm	St George's Summer Teas at Benenden Memorial Hall

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Romans 7.15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

¹⁶ 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

¹⁷ "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Home Groups:

Sandhurst: Next meets on Mondays at 7.30 pm at the Mission Church.

Benenden: Meets on Tuesday 7th July at 7.30 pm at David & Julia Collard's. - There will be no Benenden meeting next week (14th July).

**St George's Summer Teas at Benenden Memorial Hall
Every Sunday throughout July and August from 2 to 4 pm
All Welcome!**

Lizanne invites you to a plant sale on Sunday 12th July from 10 am to 12 noon at 7 Vere Meadows, Benenden (the house at the far end). ALL proceeds to Dementia UK. If you can walk, the parking is saved for less able people. Please bring cash. Entry, drink and cake £5. - If you are able to bring a cake it would be most welcome; please message Lizanne on 07847 329 036.

⚓ Shanties & Songs of the Sea ⚓

with The Rye Bay Crew

at St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst

Saturday 11th 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 - Under 12s free

Refreshments available

We are organising a

'Songs of Praise'

at St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst

on Sunday 19th 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 12-year-olds free) are

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



Refreshments available

St Nicholas, Sandhurst PCC Charity No X33295



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