

Benefice of St George's, Benenden & St Nicholas, Sandhurst

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

Our Worship: Sunday 30th August The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 30th August – The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 12.9-end. Matthew 16.21-end

No 8 am service in the Benefice today

10 am

BENEFICE COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS

led by Revd David Commander & Revd Vicki Young

Hymns: 17 *All people that on earth do dwell*
 298 *Let there be love*
 235 *I, the Lord of sea and sky*
 121 *Father, I place into your hands*
 53 *Be still, for the presence of the Lord - Communion*

2 – 4 pm

St George's Summer Teas at the Memorial Hall

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 31st

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 1st

8 am

Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church

10 am

Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church

led by Revd David Commander

Wednesday 2nd

8 am

Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church

10 am

Benenden RRR meeting at St George's

7.30 – 9. 15 pm

Bellringing Practice at St George's

Thursday 3rd

7 pm

Choir Practice at Iden Green Congregational Church

Friday 4th

8 am

Morning Prayer at the Rectory

9 – 11 am

Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church

Sunday Next: 6th September – The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 13.8-end, Matthew 18.15-20

8 am

HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd David Commander

8 am

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led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am

ALL AGE COMMUNION AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

led by Revd David Commander

5 pm

EVENING PRAYER IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Sarah Emanuel *Psalm 108. Readings: Ezekiel 12.21-13.16, Acts 19.1-20*

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Romans 12.9-end

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16.21-end

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Prayers: Please hold the family of Dr Claire Grant in your prayers. Claire died on the 2nd August. Her funeral is at 2.30 pm on Thursday 17th September, at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. The service will be live-streamed. The funeral will have Quaker elements; and as is the case at Quaker Meetings there will be an opportunity for anyone who wishes to stand up and say a few words. After the funeral there will be a Celebration of Life at The Oak Barn, Frame Farm, Iden Green starting at 4.30 pm. (Please RSVP Tom Grant if you intend to go to the Celebration of Life: clairegrantcol@gmail.com)

Local Pilgrimage Walk – Around Bodiam

Saturday 26th September

Meet at Bodiam Castle Car Park - 9.45 am for a 10.00 am start

Come and join us for a gentle pilgrimage through the beautiful countryside around Bodiam. We will follow quiet lanes, footpaths and byways, pausing along the way for short reflections and taking time to appreciate the beauty of creation, enjoy good conversation, and simply walk together. The route is approximately **3½–4 miles**, using mainly off-road paths, and we will

finish back at Bodiam Castle for a well-earned cup of tea and our traditional slice of cake! **Parking:** National Trust members can park free in the castle car park. For non-members, parking costs £5 per vehicle, or free parking may be available in the nearby lay-by or on the road opposite the castle. **Please note:** The route includes several stiles and may not be suitable for dogs. Everyone is welcome – whether you're a regular pilgrim or joining us for the first time. We look forward to walking with you. **We would love to walk with you - if**

you have further questions please get in touch with Revd David, 07710 416978, revdavidcommander@gmail.com or Lyn Hayes 07792 332904, lindapin@aol.com

Revd David and Lyn Hayes



Revd David's Sponsored Walk "The Pilgrims' Way"

From Winchester Cathedral to Canterbury Cathedral, via Guildford Cathedral and a little detour to Rochester Cathedral. This route has been walked by thousands of pilgrims over many, many centuries.

Revd David will be experiencing that pilgrimage.

Length: 147 miles **Duration:** 13 days

Starting: Thursday 10th September
at Winchester Cathedral

Ending: Tuesday 22nd September
at Canterbury Cathedral

If you would like to sponsor Revd David for this walk and raise funds for the St George's Restore: Renew: Rejoice project or for the St Nicholas Church organ fund, please pick up a leaflet. Sponsorship can be "per mile" or a lump-sum donation.

If you are a UK tax payer and are willing to Gift-Aid your donation it will be enhanced by 25%. Please take a look at the leaflet for full details.

If you are considering joining Revd David for a day's walking, could you please drop him an email - revdavidcommander@gmail.com. You will then be sent an itinerary of where he will be walking from/to each day, and the start time.

The Friends of Kent Churches "Ride & Stride" **Saturday 12th September** **10 am to 6 pm**

This is an annual sponsored event run by The Friends of Kent Churches when hundreds of churches and chapels open up to welcome cyclists, walkers and motorised scooterists.

Both St George's and St Nicholas will be participating:

This year Ian Verran and David Carter and his son in law have volunteered to ride on behalf of St Nicholas and

Jo Clube and Richard Stewart have volunteered to ride on behalf of St George's.

Please consider sponsoring them.... 50% of all sponsorship money goes directly to the church nominated by a participant, and 50% goes to the Friends of Kent Churches for distribution. Both churches have recently received grants from the FoKCh.

Forms and lists of the hundreds of participating churches and chapels are provided, as is advice about good, safe practice.

Contact Anne Tylden-Wright or David Harmsworth for more information or to take part.

Please consider sponsoring those riding on behalf of our churches.

Sponsor forms can be found in church.

Home Groups:

Sandhurst: Next meets on Monday 7th September at Sandhurst Mission Church at 7.30 pm.

Benenden: Next meets on Tuesday 15th September at David & Julia Collard's at 7.30 pm.

BUSTER KEATON'S
in
THE GENERAL

WITH LIVE PIANO ACCOMPANIMENT FROM
the talented
MR. MIKE HATCHARD

UNDER 12'S GO FREE!

★ AN EVENING OF NOSTALGIA AND FUN! ★
A 'NOT SO SILENT' MOVIE NIGHT
WITH REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

TIME: 7PM FOR A 7.30PM START
DATE: FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026
PRICE: £15.00 PER TICKET

★ VENUE: ★
ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH
SANDHURST KENT TN18 5NS

The General is a 1926 American silent comedy film released by United Artists. It was inspired by the Great Locomotive Chase, a true story of an event that occurred during the American Civil War. The story was adapted from the 1889 memoir The Great Locomotive Chase by William Pittenger. The film stars Buster Keaton, who also co-directed it along with Clyde Bruckman.



Water for Benenden Action Group



Open public meeting
Benenden Girls School
School Hall
Monday 7th Sept. 2026
6:30 – 8:30pm

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