

St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst

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

Our Worship: Sunday 2nd August The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 2nd August – The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 9.1-5, Matthew 14.13-21

8 am	1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS (Benefice Service - No 8 am service in Benenden today) led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
10 am	ALL AGE COMMUNION AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
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 David Harmsworth <i>Psalm 80.1-8. Readings: 1 Kings 10.1-13, Acts 13.1-13</i>

THE WEEK AHEAD

Revd David is on holiday, returning on Friday 14th August.

Should you require the services of a Priest during this time, please contact your Churchwardens:

Catherine Elliott: Tel: 01580 850 300, Zena Kemp: Tel: 07765 029494

Tuesday 4 th	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

Sunday Next: 9th August – The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 10.5-15, Matthew 14.22-33

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

Readings: Sunday 2nd August – the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Romans 9.1-5

⁹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— ²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Matthew 14.13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Home Groups:

Sandhurst: Meets again after the summer holidays - on Monday 7th September at Sandhurst Mission Church.

Benenden: Meets this Tuesday 4th August. The next meeting thereafter will be on Tuesday 25th August.

Prayers: Please hold the family of Michael Dawson in your prayers: Judith, Sue, Mary and Chris. Michael passed away, at home with his family, on Monday 21st July. His funeral will take place at St Nicholas Church on Friday 14th August at 12.30 pm; followed by burial in the churchyard.

The Kent Police Male Voice Choir treated us to a joyful concert at St Nicholas Church on Saturday 25th July. They sang in four parts: two tenor and two bass, in glorious harmony. It was a wonderful atmosphere. Live singing is a fun for us all and there was plenty to get our feet tapping. They gave wonderful renditions from well-known musicals, folk songs and others. The choir have been going for nearly 50 years and have raised huge amounts for local charities. They helped us raise over £400 for our church. Thank you so much to our supporters and those who helped set up, with refreshments and clearing up. Catherine Elliott

Sunday 30th August - 10 am - Benefice service at St Nicholas: Revd Vicki Young - who is about to start the last year of her Curacy - will be with us for the 10 o'clock benefice service at St Nicholas on Sunday 30th August. Vicki will be leading, preaching and presiding at this service. It will be a lovely opportunity to welcome her back to the parish and benefice that nurtured her and set her on her way to becoming ordained.



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 Nicholas Church organ fund, please pick up a leaflet in church.

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 see the leaflet for full details.

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

Notice from the Diocese of Canterbury:

As you may be aware INEQE Safeguarding Group have been commissioned to conduct Independent Safeguarding Audits of the Church of England to make sure dioceses and cathedrals are doing all they can to create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

As part of the audit process for Canterbury, INEQE hope to engage with parishioners and members of the parish community through an online survey which will act as a mechanism through which individuals can comment on any matters relevant to the Audit's focus.

The survey is both anonymous (we are not seeking to identify you) and confidential (you will not be identified). We would therefore ask you to be open and honest with your responses. The survey results are received directly by INEQE's Audit Team and not by the Church of England. The survey is now live and will close at 11.30 pm on Wednesday 2nd September 2026.

To access the survey relevant to you please scan the QR code below or visit <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/canterbury/>



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**.

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