

St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst

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

Our Worship: Sunday 9th August The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 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

Hymns: 541 *What a friend we have in Jesus*
 148 *From heaven you came*
 548 *When I needed a neighbour*
 457 *Stand up, stand up for Jesus*
 289 *Kum ba yah — Communion*

2 – 4 pm St George's Summer Teas at Benenden Memorial Hall

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 029 494

Tuesday 11 th	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen <i>No Benenden Home Group this week</i>
Thursday 13 th	7 pm	Choir Practice at Iden Green Congregational Church
Friday 14 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	12.30 pm	Funeral of t/l Michael Dawson at St Nicholas conducted by Revd David Commander

Sunday Next: 16th August – The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15.21-28

8 am **1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS**
led by Revd David Commander

10 am **SUNG EUCHARIST AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL**
led by Revd David Commander & Sarah Emanuel

2 – 4 pm St George's Summer Teas at the Memorial Hall

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Romans 10.5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’ ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?”’ (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or “Who will descend into the abyss?”’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

‘The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart’

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’

Matthew 14.22-33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, ‘It is a ghost!’ And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’

²⁸ Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ ²⁹He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’ ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’

Home Groups:

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

Benenden: Next meets on Tuesday 25th August.

Prayers: Please continue to hold the family of t/l Michael Dawson in your prayers: Judith, Sue, Mary and Chris. Michael’s 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

St Nicholas Churchyard - Grass raking! Due to the continuing dry weather Bob has strimmed the whole of the churchyard early this year, thus removing a very serious fire risk around the church. If you can spare a morning or afternoon, please come and help to rake up and move the dried grass to complete the job for this year. As well as a rake, if you have a spare builder's bulk bag, they are most useful for moving the dried grass. BH



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.

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.

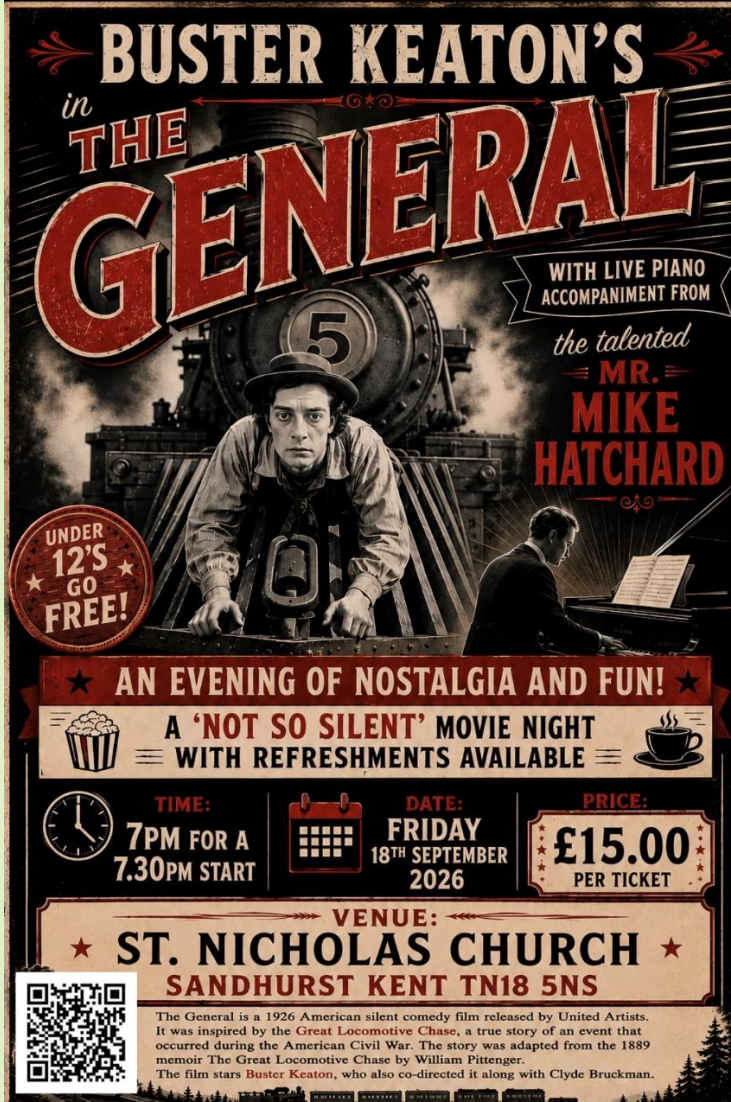
To access the survey relevant to you please scan the QR code below or visit

<https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/canterbury/>



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

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.



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.

**Local Pilgrimage Walk
 Around Bodiam**

Saturday 26th September
Meet at Bodiam Castle Car Park
- 9.45 am for a 10.00 am start

Join us for a gentle pilgrimage through the beautiful countryside around Bodiam. We'll 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'll 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. If you have further questions please get in touch with Revd David 07710 416 978.

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Revd David & Lyn Hayes

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