

St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst

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

Our Worship: 20th September The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 20th September – The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Philippians 1.21-end, Matthew 20.1-16

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| 8 am | 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS
led by Archdeacon Estella Last |
| 10 am | SUNG EUCHARIST AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
led by Archdeacon Estella Last |

THE WEEK AHEAD

Revd David is away on Pilgrimage returning on Wednesday 23rd September.

During this time, should you require the services of a Priest, please contact Zena Kemp,

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Monday 21 st	7.30 pm	Home Group at the Mission Church
Tuesday 22 nd	10 am	Holy Communion at the Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
Wednesday 23 rd	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	9 – 11 am	Drop in Café & Toddler Group at the Mission Church
	7 pm	Sandhurst PCC meeting at the Mission Church
	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 24 th	10 – 11.30 am	Rhythm of Life Choir at the Mission Church
Friday 25 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Saturday 26 th	9.45 for 10 am	Local Pilgrimage Walk – meet at Bodiam Castle Car Park led by Lyn & Revd David
	4 pm	'CONNECT FOUR' Family Service at the Mission Church

Sunday Next: 27th September – The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity – HARVEST

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| 8 am | HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S
led by Revd David Commander
<i>Readings: Philippians 2.1-13, Matthew 21.23-32</i> |
| 10 am | HARVEST SERVICE AT ST NICHOLAS
led by Lyn Hayes
<i>Readings: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 12:16-31</i> |
| 5.30 pm | Sarah Emanuel licensing service at Canterbury Cathedral |

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Philippians 1.21-end

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Matthew 20.1-16

²⁰For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Home Groups:

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

Benenden: There will be no meeting this week. Next meeting to be confirmed.

Sarah Emanuel: Sarah is to be licensed as a Reader to the Benefice of Benenden and Sandhurst at a service at Canterbury Cathedral on Sunday 27th September, 5.30 pm. It has been a delight to have Sarah and her husband David worshipping with us this past year, and to see Sarah leading and preaching at some of our services. It would be lovely for members of our church family to be at the Cathedral to show their support for Sarah and David as we formally welcome her to our Ministry Team. Russell Anderson, who was with us on a 6-week placement last year, will be licensed as a Reader at the same service. Revd David

LEGO FESTIVAL - At All Saints Church, Staplehurst: Saturday 26th September from 11 am to 3 pm. Please pick up a flier for full details.

'CONNECT FOUR'

*Our informal family
service*

4pm

**Saturday 26th
September**

**at The Mission Church, Back
Road TN18 5JU**



Come along and connect with:

- family and friends - tea,
coffee, cake - the Bible -
worship - and God!
- Refreshments throughout.**

PAWS in PEWS

PET SERVICE

BRING YOUR PETS AND HEAR ABOUT
THE STORY OF CREATION!

**SUNDAY
4TH OCTOBER 2026**

10.00AM

**ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH
SANDHURST**

ALL CREATURES
GREAT & SMALL
All Welcome!

PLEASE ENSURE PETS ARE KEPT UNDER CONTROL AND ARE
COMFORTABLE AROUND OTHER ANIMALS AND PEOPLE.

800th
ANNIVERSARY
of the death of
St. Francis
of Assisi

St. Francis loved
all creation.
Let's celebrate
together!

HARVEST SERVICE at St Nicholas



Sunday 27th September at 10am

**Harvest gifts: All in-date, non-perishable donations
(cans, packets & jars of food) are very welcome.
These will be given to The Trussell Trust.**





Revd David's Sponsored Walk "The Pilgrims' Way" – has begun

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

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. 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%.

Itinerary: 20th - 22nd September

Day	Date	From	To	Walk (miles)
Sunday	20/9	St. Peter & St. Paul's, Aylesford	St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham	11
Monday	21/9	St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham	All Saints, Boughton Lees	11
Tuesday	22/9	All Saints, Boughton Lees	Canterbury Cathedral (Evensong at 5:30pm)	13

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'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 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

Ride & Stride: Grateful thanks and congratulations to Ian Verran and David Carter for taking part on behalf of St Nicholas. If you have sponsored either Ian or David using the sponsor forms at the back of the church, and have not yet paid up, I have the sponsor forms and can collect your money. Many thanks Anne Tylden-Wright

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