

St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst

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

Our Worship: 13th September The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 13th September – The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 14.1-12, Matthew 18.21-35

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 & Sarah Emanuel

<i>Hymns</i>	293	<i>Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us</i>
	139	<i>For the healing of the nations</i>
	55	<i>Be thou my guardian and my guide</i>
	283	<i>Joy to the world</i>
	506	<i>This is my body — Communion</i>

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, Churchwarden:

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Monday 14 th	7.30 pm	Home Group at the Mission Church
Tuesday 15 th	10 am	Holy Communion at the Mission Church led by Revd Nicky Harvey
	7.30 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 16 th	9 – 11 am	Drop in Café & Toddler Group at the Mission Church
	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 17 th	10 – 11.30 am	Rhythm of Life Choir at the Mission Church
	7 – 8 pm	Choir Practice at Iden Green Congregational Church
Friday 18 th	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7 for 7.30 pm	'The General' at St Nicholas with Mike Hatchard

Sunday Next: 20th September – The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Philippians 1.21-end, Matthew 20.1-16

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

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Romans 14.1-12

¹⁴Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God.¹¹For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.'¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Matthew 18.21-35

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²²Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'²³ 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Home Groups:

Sandhurst: Next meets on Monday 14th 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.

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

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

[Revd David and Lyn Hayes](#)



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: 13th - 22nd September

Day	Date	From	To	Walk (miles)
Sunday	13/9	St. Andrew's & St. Francis, Farnham	Guildford Cathedral	10.5
Monday	14/9	Guildford Cathedral	St. Michael & All Angels, Mickleham	13.5
Tuesday	15/9	St. Michael & All Angels, Mickleham	St. Katharine's, Mertsham	9.75
Wednesday	16/9	St. Katharine's, Mertsham	St. Peter's Limpsfield	8
Thursday	17/9	St. Peter's Limpsfield	St. Bartholomew's, Otford	12
Friday	18/9	St. Bartholomew's, Otford	St. John's, Halling	13
Saturday	19/9	St. John's, Halling	1 st to: Rochester Cathedral	13
			Then to: Aylesford Priory	
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	13
			(Evensong at 5:30pm)	

BUSTER KEATON'S

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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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