

St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst

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

Our Worship: 11th October The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 11th October – The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Philippians 4.1-9, Matthew 22.1-14

8 am **1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd David Commander

10 am **ALL-AGE COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS**
led by Revd David Commander & Sarah Emanuel

<i>Hymns:</i>	311	<i>Lord Jesus Christ (Living Lord)</i>
	560	<i>Will you come and follow me?</i>
	56	<i>Be thou my vision</i>
	188	<i>Guide me, O thou great Redeemer</i>

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 12 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	7.30 pm	Home Group at the Mission Church
Tuesday 13 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at the Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
Wednesday 14 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	9 – 11 am	Drop in Café & Toddler Group at the Mission Church
	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 15 th	10 – 11.30 am	Rhythm of Life Choir at the Mission Church
	7 – 8 pm	Choir Practice at Iden Green Congregational Church
Friday 16 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at the Mission Church
Saturday 17 th	10 am – 12 noon	'Grief Talks' Grief Café at the Mission Church

Sunday Next: 18th October – The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 1 Thess. 1.1-10, Matthew 22.15-22

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

1.45 for 2 pm 'Walk Church' – meeting and departing from The Green, outside St George's

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Philippians 4.1-9

⁴¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Matthew 22.1-14

²²Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Home Groups: Sandhurst: Meets on Mondays at Sandhurst Mission Church at 7.30 pm.

Benenden: We next meet on Tuesday, 27th October at David & Julia Collard's at 7.30 pm.

***'Walk Church' comes to St George's Benenden
on Sunday 18th October***

We will meet on the Green adjacent to St George's at 1.45 for a 2 pm start. Our walk is just under 2 hours (approximately 3 miles) and will take in some beautiful views of the local countryside, finishing at Balmoral cottage (the home of Charlotte and Donald Molesworth) where we will enjoy refreshments and cake and a look round the garden. Tim Bentley

Walk Church is an experimental "Fresh expression" congregation that offers outdoor Christian fellowship in the context of a walk. We meet once a month at a different location around the Diocese. For more details, please contact Revd Alex Bienfait Email alexander.bienfait@gmail.com, or Tel 07817 892005.

Loss & Grief Café ~ Time to share & reflect

Saturday 17th October, 10 am – 12 noon

@ the Mission Church, Back Road, Sandhurst TN18 5JU



Coming to terms with the loss of someone we love can feel overwhelming and deeply personal. Even when we know they are at peace, grief can bring many different emotions — sadness, loneliness, confusion, anger, or simply a sense of missing them deeply.

We warmly invite you to join us for a gentle and supportive morning where we can explore grief together through conversation, readings, and simple crafting activities. This will be a safe and welcoming space where you can talk, listen, reflect, or simply be alongside others who understand. Sometimes it helps to share with people who have experienced loss themselves, and sometimes it is enough just to know that someone is there to listen.

For more information or to book your free place, please contact

Lyn Hayes on: 07792 332904 or email: lindapin@aol.com

Revd David's Pilgrimage - Winchester to Canterbury

Thank you to everyone who sponsored and supported my recent Pilgrimage walk. The response has been extremely generous and heartening. Donations are still coming in, but so far - including Gift-Aid that we will be able to claim - the total raised for the St Nicholas Church organ refurbishment is £9,000. That is amazing!

If you want to know more about my walk, I will be giving a talk on Sunday 25th October at 2 pm, in the Mission Church. (Refreshments and cake will, of course, be on offer!) Revd David

All Souls' Day Service.

Monday 2nd November, 7.30 pm, at St Nicholas Church
Refreshments from 7pm.

Names of loved ones who have passed away in the last three years will be read out.

If there are other names to be requested, please add these to the lists in church.

Or, please email the name of your loved one to Cathy at benendenchurch@gmail.com

‘CONNECT FOUR’

Our informal family service

4 pm - Saturday 24th October

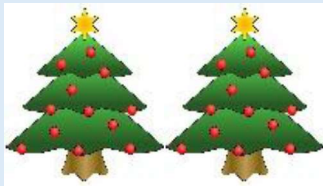
at The Mission Church, Back Road TN18 5JU



Come along and connect with:

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

St Nicholas Church Christmas Mini Market



Saturday 21st November

10 am – 12 noon

at the Old School Hall, Back Road, Sandhurst TN18 5JS

Local Crafts & Gifts. Festive Produce. Tea, Coffee & Cake

ALL WELCOME!

St Nicholas, Sandhurst Parochial Church Council Charity No X33295

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