St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst

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

Our Worship: 18th October

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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 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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 19th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	7.30 pm	Home Group at the Mission Church
Tuesday 20th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at the Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	2.30 pm	t/l Aurea Gregory Thanksgiving Service at St Nicholas
Wednesday 21st	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	9 – 11 am	Drop in Café & Toddler Group at the Mission Church
	2.30 pm	Chapter meeting at the Mission Church
	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 22nd	10 – 11.30 am	Rhythm of Life Choir at the Mission Church
Friday 23rd	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at the Mission Church
	5 pm	Wedding Rehearsal at St Nicholas
Saturday 24th	12.45 pm	Wedding of Dan Brooks & Georgie Porter at St Nicholas
	4 pm	**'Connect Four' family service at the Mission Church**

Sunday Next: 25th October – Bible Sunday
Readings: Col 3:12-17; Matt 24:30-35. Psalm 119:9-16;

8 am	**HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S** led by Revd David Commander
10 am	**SUNG EUCHARIST AT ST NICHOLAS** led by Revd David Commander
2 pm	Revd David's Pilgrimage Talk – at Sandhurst Mission Church

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1 Thess. 1.1-10

1Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.
2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly 3remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 5because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. 6And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, 7so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. 9For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, 10and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Matthew 22.15-22

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. 16So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. 17Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' 18But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. 20Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' 21They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' 22When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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.

TODAY - 18th October
'Walk Church' comes to St George's Benenden

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.

Friends of Kent Churches Ride & Stride: Thank you and congratulations to David Carter and Ian Verran for biking around the Marsh Churches on Saturday 12th September. They raised £480 for the Friends of Kent Churches who will retain half; The other 50% will be returned to St Nicholas. A big thank you to all of those who took part in any way. ATW

‘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.

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

CHANGE OF PLAN!
SANDHURST CALENDAR 2027

Thanks to Rev David’s amazing effort with his pilgrimage walk, as well as to other substantial donations and to your previous calendar contributions, our organ fund has now reached a point where we no longer need to raise funds for the overhaul.

Money raised from the Sandhurst calendar sales will now be directed towards the upkeep of the churchyard, since this year there is uncertainty as to whether the church will receive a much-needed donation towards that. Even if the donation is forthcoming there is still a considerable gap between that and what is needed.

Our churchyard is valued for so many reasons, and so, I hope that you will still support our calendar sales this year, albeit for a different cause
but one surely close to many of our hearts.
Copies, priced £10, are available through the churches, the shop and at the Christmas Market or contact Katherine O’Neil directly on 01580 850159 or 07794068373

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

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