St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 1st November

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Collect: Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love 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 1st November – ALL SAINTS' DAY
Readings: 1 John 3.1-3, Matthew 5.1-12

8 am **MORNING PRAYER IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by David Harmsworth

10 am **ALL AGE COMMUNION AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL**
led by Revd David Commander

Hymns:	*296*	*For all the saints*
	160	*Make way, make way, for Christ the King*
	---	*Bless the Lord, O my soul*
	308	*Rejoice in God's saints*

No 5 pm service at St George's this month

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 2nd	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	7.30 pm	**ALL SOULS' SERVICE AT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, SANDHURST - *Refreshments & fellowship from 7 pm***
Tuesday 3rd	8am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
Wednesday 4th	8am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	11.30 am	Interment of t/l May Phyllis Hinton at St George's
	7 pm	Discipleship & Mission Group meeting at the Rectory
	7.30 – 9. 15 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Friday 6th		*No Morning Prayer today*
		Revd David's day off in lieu Thursday 5th November
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church

Sunday Next: 8th November – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (Third Sunday before Advent)
Readings: 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end, Matthew 25.1-13. Revelation 21.1-7

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

10.45 am **SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AT BENENDEN VILLAGE HALL**
led by Revd David Commander & Revd Tracey Bateson

followed by an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

Readings: Sunday 1st November – All Saints' Day

1 John 3.1-3

31See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 5.1-12

5When Jesus[a] saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Home Groups: Sandhurst: Meets on Mondays at Sandhurst Mission Church at 7.30 pm. - *No meeting on Monday 2nd November – All Souls' Day service at St Nicholas.*
Benenden: Meets on Tuesdays at David & Julia Collard's at 7.30 pm. - *The next meeting date to be confirmed.*

Friends of Kent Churches Ride & Stride: A big thank you and congratulations to Jo Clube and Richard Stewart for biking around the Kent churches on Saturday 12th September. Jo and Richard raised in excess of £530. This sum will be shared equally between the Friends of Kent Churches and St George's Church. Thank you very much to Jo and Richard for taking part and thank you very much to everyone who sponsored their efforts and to everyone who supported 'Ride & Stride'.

CATCHING LIVES CHARITY PERFORMANCE

There will be a performance of Handel's Messiah
in aid of the charity Catching Lives
on Sunday November 15th at 6.30pm in St Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook.
Entry by donation (£12 + suggested) at the door.
Further details from Rob Eastwood Tel 01622 850330. Email: freastwood@gmail.com
or the organiser dinyarcooper@googlemail.com

All Souls' Day Service.
Monday 2nd November - 7.30 pm
at St Nicholas Church
Refreshments from 7 pm

Remembrance Sunday - 8th November



10.45 am - Service of Remembrance at Benenden Village Hall

followed by an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

FOR YOUR DIARY

- **"Come and See": St George's Church: Open days, Saturday 14th November** 10 am to 5 pm, and **Sunday 15th November,** 12.30 pm to 5 pm.

- **Advent Sunday, 29th November** - *Only FOUR weeks to go!*
10 am Celebration Service at St George's – as our church re-opens!
5 pm Candle-lit Advent Carol Service at St George's

CHANGE OF PLAN!
SANDHURST CALENDAR 2027

Thanks to Revd David's amazing effort with his pilgrimage walk, as well as to other substantial donations and to your previous calendar contributions, our St Nicholas Church 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 St Nicholas 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 shortfall 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 St Nicholas Christmas Market on 21st November. Or contact Katherine O'Neil directly on 01580 850159 or 07794068373



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