St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst

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	**1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS** led by Revd David Commander
10 am	**ALL AGE COMMUNION AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL** led by Revd David Commander
	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	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at the Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
Wednesday 4th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	9 – 11 am	Drop in Café & Toddler Group at the Mission Church
	5 pm	Wedding Rehearsal at St Nicholas
	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 5th	10 – 11.30 am	Rhythm of Life Choir at the Mission Church
	11 am	Wedding of Mitchell Clegg & Georgia Gladdish at St Nicholas
	2 pm	St Nicholas Church - roof alarm service
Friday 6th		*No Morning Prayer today* *Revd David's day off in lieu Thursday 5th November*
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at the 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	**1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S** led by Revd David Commander
10.50 am	**ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AT SANDHURST WAR MEMORIAL ON THE UPPER GREEN** led by Lyn Hayes
11.30 am	**SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AT THE MISSION CHURCH** led by Lyn Hayes

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 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: 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

Chocolate Donations: The Christmas Market will be held in the Old School Hall on Saturday 21st November. The toddler group have been asked to run the Chocolate Tombola. If you are able to donate some form of chocolate for this, we would be very grateful (Choc bars, selection boxes, hot chocolate or anything to do with chocolate.) Please let me, Katherine O'Neil or the churchwardens have any donations. Thank you in advance. Helen

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE
at Sandhurst War Memorial
10.50 am - Sunday 8th November



followed by a Service of Remembrance
at the Mission Church, Back Road TN18 5JU

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



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 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 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 Christmas Market or contact Katherine O'Neil directly on 01580 850159 or 07794068373

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