

# The Benefice of St George's, Benenden & St Nicholas, Sandhurst

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

**Collect:** Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 30<sup>th</sup> August - Benefice Services:

*Readings: Romans 12:9-end, Matthew 16:21-end*

- 8am            **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS, SANDHURST**  
led by Revd David Commander
- 10am          **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S, BENENDEN**  
led by Revd David Commander

### THE WEEK AHEAD

8am            **Morning Prayer – at St George's on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. At the Mission Church, Sandhurst on Tuesday.**

6pm            **Evening Prayer – every day except Thursday**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September – 3pm Baptism of Raife Bendall at St George's**

**Sunday Next: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September– The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

*Readings: Romans 13.8-end, Matthew 18.15-20*

- 8am            **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS, SANDHURST \***  
led by Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Revd David Commander
- 10am          **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S, BENENDEN \***  
led by Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Revd David Commander

**\* NB Change to rota**

**Daily Scripture and Reflection is posted on the St Nicholas & St George's church websites and Facebook pages every day of the week. Please take a look.**

**PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON THE CHURCH WEBSITES AND / OR FACEBOOK PAGES FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION REGARDING OUR CHURCH SERVICES**

**Church Websites: <http://www.benendenchurch.org/>    <https://stnicholassandhurst.org/>**

**Facebook Pages:    @StGeorgesBenenden                      @StNicholasSandhurst**

**A Church Near You: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/>**

**Readings: Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

***Romans 12:9-end***

***Marks of the True Christian***

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' <sup>20</sup>No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

***Matthew 16:21-end***

***Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection***

<sup>21</sup> From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

***The Cross and Self-Denial***

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup> 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

**Want to meet our new Curate?**

Ylva Blid-Mackenzie starts with us, TODAY, 30<sup>th</sup> August. Ylva will be at the 8 o'clock service at St. Nicholas and the 10 o'clock service at St. George's.

It will be strange introducing Ylva when we are all having to maintain social distancing, but I know that you will make her very welcome. - Want to know more about Ylva before then? See the August editions of the village magazines

Revd David

**Friends of Kent Churches  
Ride and Stride**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September from 10am to 6pm**

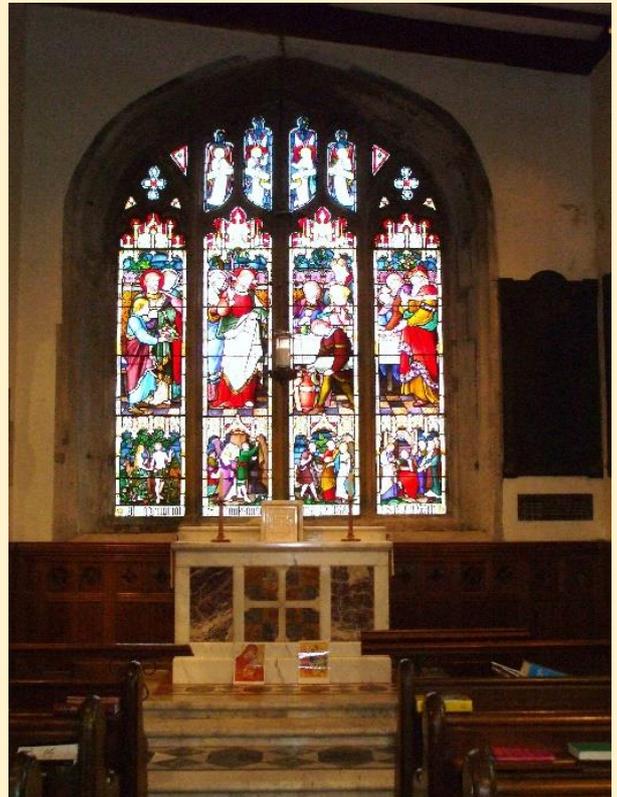
Geoff Davidson is seeking sponsorship. David Carter and Jack Drew will also be cycling for St Nicholas. Their sponsor forms are in Church. Please do support them. Half the money raised will go to our churches. The other half goes to the Friends of Kent Churches who have recently made a grant to St Nicholas for £1,500 towards the cost of the Church roof security alarm. ATW

**St Nicholas Church APCM  
7pm - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September  
in St Nicholas Church**

**St. George's Church – Annual Meeting**

Now the church is open again after the Coronavirus lockdown, it is time to get back to our church work. The annual church meeting in April was cancelled so it is now being held on **23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 in St. George's Church, starting at 7:30pm.** At this meeting we hold our elections and give reports on what has been happening to our church family since the last annual meeting. This year Tracy Claridge is standing down as Churchwarden after six years, the Deanery Synod representatives need electing and there are spaces on our Parochial Church Council. There will also be reports from Revd David Commander and other groups connected to the church. So please do come along. We cannot offer refreshments this year, but you will get a warm welcome.

Julia Collard, PCC Secretary



**Bellringing at St George's:** Regular weekly bellringing practice at St George's has resumed on a Wednesday evening. This usually takes place from 7 to 9pm but likely practice times are 7.30 to 8.30pm whilst Covid regulations are in place.

Friday bellringing will be confirmed on a weekly basis but is generally 7.45 to 9pm. All necessary Covid19 government regulations re social distancing and the wearing of masks etc will be adhered to.

## **St. George's and St Nicholas Church are open for public worship "Praise the Lord!"**

**But we are not "back to normal"; there are many restrictions:**

- Everyone must hand sanitise on entry and exit.
- Everyone is strongly advised to wear a face mask (available in church) **NB: Unless exempt, FACEMASKS MUST be worn by the congregation in church.**
- Everyone must 2m social distance at all times. "Households" can sit together.
- Use alternate pews (Marked with "green tick" and "red cross").
- A register of names of people attending is being kept for 21 days.
- If someone is in the "70+" or another "vulnerable, at risk" group, they are advised not to come to church. But it is your choice; you will be very welcome if you do come. (But as part of the Government guidelines we have to advise of the increased risk in an indoor public gathering.)
- Organ music, but no hymns, at the 10 o'clock service.
- Communion distribution (wafer only) standing at the chancel step; plus one-way system to return. The priest will wear a face visor during distribution. (Only the priest to receive the wine.)
- Service Booklet to basket when leaving. These will be quarantined for at least 48hrs.
- No refreshments or fellowship time after the service, in church nor in the churchyard.
- Exit: St. George's - north and west doors; St. Nicholas - west door.
- Numbers will also be limited. (We estimate that St. George's can seat 60 people in "households" and St. Nicholas 40 at the 2m social distance.)

Our 8am and 10am Sunday services continue to alternate weekly between St. George's and St Nicholas. Hopefully each week we will have some bells rung for 15 minutes prior to the 10 o'clock service at the relevant church.

The Risk Assessment is available on the website, should you wish to read the detail. This will be reviewed, and if necessary amended, as required.

I look forward to worshipping God with you.

Revd David