

The Parish of St Nicholas, Sandhurst

Our Worship – Sunday 11th August

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**8.00 am 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION
AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

[**Bible Readings:**
Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16
Luke 12.32-40]

10.00 am EUCHARIST & BAPTISM OF EMMA LEEDING
led by Revd David Commander
***We welcome Emma and her family & friends
to St Nicholas this morning***

HYMNS	
21	All things bright and beautiful
15	All my hope on God is founded
54	Be still my soul
128	Fight the good fight

Organist: Michael Tester

5.00 pm EVENING PRAYER AT THE MISSION CHURCH
led by Revd David Commander
Psalm 108. Readings: Isaiah 11.10-end of 12, 2 Corinthians 1.1-22

The Week Ahead

Monday 12 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Tuesday 13 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at the Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
Wednesday 14 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
Thursday 15 th	9.30 am	Visting Bellringers at St Nicholas
Friday 18 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's

Sunday Next: 18th August – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Hebrews 11.29–12.2, Luke 12.49-56

8.00 am Holy Communion led by Revd David Commander
10.00 am Morning Worship led by Revd David Commander

Readings: Sunday 11th August

Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16

The Meaning of Faith

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

The Faith of Abraham

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Luke 12.32-40

³² ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Watchful Slaves

³⁵ ‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ ‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

Home Groups: The Tuesday Home Group meets at 8pm in Benenden, usually at Julia and David Collard's. The Wednesday Home Group meets at 7.30pm at Sandhurst Mission Church. Both Home Groups now have a break for the summer holidays. The Tuesday Benenden Group will commence again on Tuesday 27th August.

Thank you. Helen and I thank you for all your cards, thoughts, prayers and love following the death of my father last month. Bill - whom some of you had met over the years - lived a good long life, reaching the age of 94. On Monday 29th July the whole family gathered together in his parish church (Mary Magdalene in New Milton; the church where I was baptised 60 years ago) as we said our goodbyes to Dad and remembered his life. It was a real celebration of life for the family and, for me, a real privilege to be able to lead the committal and thanksgiving services for my Dad. Thank you for your love and concern.
Revd David



Harvest Supper



7.00 pm for 7.30 pm
Friday 27th September
at the Mission Church

Traditional Harvest Fare followed by
“Live Music from Blakeley & Son”

£15 per head adults & £7.50 per head children
- please bring your own drinks & glasses

All Welcome

Tickets available from Lyn Hayes Tel 01580 850201
Or Cathy Baker Tel 01580 850849

***Our new St Nicholas Church website has just launched!
Please take a look: <https://stnicholassandhurst.org/>***



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Come and have some fun
instead!**

**BLEND - TUESDAYS, AFTER
SCHOOL
Mission Church**



If your child would like to attend Blend after school on **Tuesdays from 4 – 6pm** in term time, please fill out this form and send it to vickijyoung40@gmail.com or Vicki Young, 3 Stumblets, Ballards Hill, Northiam, East Sussex TN31 6QT



Child's Name

Parent's Name

Parent's Phone Number

Email

Address

School

I am/am not happy for my details to be kept on St Nicholas' secure database

I am/am not happy for my child's picture to be used for Blend's publicity

Child's medical conditions?.....

Many thanks for returning this. We want to keep your child safe while they are at Blend, and look forward to welcoming them on Tuesday 10th September

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