

# The Parish of St Nicholas, Sandhurst

## Our Worship – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August

### Ninth Sunday after Trinity

**Collect:** Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.

**8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION**  
led by Revd David Commander

**10.00 am MORNING WORSHIP**  
led by Revd David Commander

**Bible Readings:**  
Hebrews 11.29–12.2  
Luke 12.49-56

HYMNS	
242	Immortal, invisible God only wise
354	Now thank we all our God
27	Amazing grace
206	He's got the whole world in his hand

Organist: Alison Carter

#### The Week Ahead

*Revd David will be on holiday on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August.*

***Should you require the services of a Priest on that day, please contact your Churchwarden: Anne Tylden-Wright Tel 850 281***

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at the Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's

#### Sunday Next: 25<sup>th</sup> August – Tenth Sunday after Trinity

*Readings: Hebrews 12.18-29, Luke 13.10-17*

**8.00 am Holy Communion at St George's** led by Revd David Commander  
**10.00 am All Age Communion** led by Revd David Commander

## **Readings: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

### **Hebrews 11.29–12.2**

#### ***The Faith of Other Israelite Heroes***

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— <sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

<sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— <sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

#### ***The Example of Jesus***

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

### **Luke 12.49-56**

#### ***Jesus the Cause of Division***

<sup>49</sup> 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

#### ***Interpreting the Time***

<sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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

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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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> September

**For more information, please contact  
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