

# The Parish of St Nicholas, Sandhurst

## Our Worship – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September

### 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.

**8.00 am 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**  
led by Revd David Commander

**10.00 am EUCHARIST**  
led by Revd David Commander

**Bible Readings:**  
Philemon 1-21  
Luke 14.25-33

HYMNS	
121	Father, I place into your hands
106	Dear Lord and Father of mankind
231	I heard the voice of Jesus say
30	And can it be

Organist: Michael Tester

**5.00 pm EVENING PRAYER AT THE MISSION CHURCH** led by Revd David Commander  
Psalm 121. Readings: Isaiah 43.14-44.5, John 5.30-end

#### The Week Ahead

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at the Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	3.00 pm	'Blend' set up
	4- 6.00 pm	'Blend' Youth Group for 11-15 year olds at the Mission Church - first meeting
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 pm	Home Group at Julia & David Collards'
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	9-11 am	Drop in Café & Toddler Group
	7.30 pm	Home Group at the Mission Church
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's

#### Sunday Next: 15<sup>th</sup> September – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

*Readings: 1 Timothy 1.12-17, Luke 15.1-10*

**8.00 am Holy Communion** led by Revd David Commander

**10.00 am Morning Worship** led by Vicki Young

**4.00 pm Messy Church at St George's** led by Revd David Commander

## **Readings: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

### **Philemon 1-21**

#### ***The Letter of Paul to Philemon - Salutation***

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **Philemon's Love and Faith**

<sup>4</sup> When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards <sup>the</sup> Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

#### **Paul's Plea for Onesimus**

<sup>8</sup> For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

### **Luke 14.25-33**

#### ***The Cost of Discipleship***

<sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

**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 the Mission Church. Both groups have now returned from their summer breaks. All welcome.

**Ride & Stride for Kent Churches** – The Friends of Kent Churches Ride & Stride is on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September from 10am to 6pm. For sponsor forms, further information and suggestions where to cycle, please contact Anne Tylden-Wright Tel 850281.

**Churchyard haymaking!** Bob plans to start cutting the grass in the first week of September, weather permitting. We have some volunteers to help with strimming, but more hands make light work. If you have a couple of hours to spare please contact Bob. Thank you!



## 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

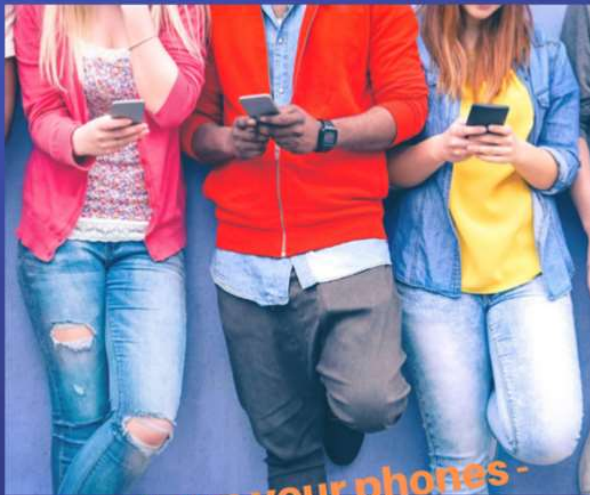
All Welcome

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

**Please would you pray for “Blend” and all those involved with it, specifically for the following:**

1. God to bring through the doors the young people He wants to reach, and for the Holy Spirit to work in their lives from the start.
2. Our volunteers/cake bakers, that through Blend, their own relationship with God will change and deepen. For encouragement when things are difficult, and joy in being part of God's work.
3. For us to build friendships with the parents/families of the youngsters who come, and for their lives also to be changed by God's love.
4. That the Sandhurst community would come to know the Mission Church as a non-scary, welcoming, Godly place that is there to meet their needs, whatever they may be. Pray that the Mission Church would be used powerfully to fulfil God's plan for Sandhurst, outside of Blend.

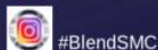
We really appreciate your time, and your prayers....- they are much needed if we are to see the Holy Spirit working!



**Put down your phones -  
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  
[vickijyoung40@gmail.com](mailto:vickijyoung40@gmail.com)**

***BLEND – for all 11 to 15 year olds – starts on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September.  
– Tuesdays from 4 to 6pm at the Mission Church.***

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