

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Our Worship – Sunday 8th 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

led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am MORNING WORSHIP

led by David Harmwsorth

Bible Readings:

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14.25-33

Hymns	
1	Awake my soul and with the sun
135	Take up thy cross
335	My God accept my heart
476	Forth in thy name

5.00 pm EVENING PRAYER AT SANDHURST MISSION CHURCH

led by Revd David Commander

Psalm 121. Readings: Isaiah 43.14-44.5, John 5.30-end

The Week Ahead

Monday 9 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 10 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	4- 6.00 pm	'Blend' – Youth Group for 11-15 year olds – first meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church
Wednesday 11 th	8.00 pm	Home Group at Julia & David Collard's
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Coffee Shop at the Memorial Hall
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Friday 13 th	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9-11 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's
	5.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	6.45 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 14 th	8.00 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	10 am– 12 noon	BPS Open Morning
	12.30 pm	Wedding of Charlotte Settle and Tom Mableson

Sunday Next: 15th September – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

8.00 am Holy Communion led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10.00 am Sung Eucharist led by Revd David Commander

4.00 pm Messy Church led by Revd David Commander

Readings: Sunday 8th September

Philemon 1-21

The Letter of Paul to Philemon

Salutation

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-
soldier, and to the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philemon's Love and Faith

⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I 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

⁸ For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet 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. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶no 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.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self.

²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹Confident 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

²⁵ Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶'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. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For 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? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." ³¹Or 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? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So 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 Sandhurst Mission Church. Both groups have now returned from their summer breaks. All welcome.

St George's Cleaning Rota: Plea for helpers! More volunteers are needed to join the cleaning rota at St George's. Our numbers are now very low; and from January may be down to just two. If you are able to help, whether on a permanent, temporary or occasional basis, please do speak to Julia Collard or Jacqueline Hewitt.

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



**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 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

**For more information, please contact
vickijyoung40@gmail.com**

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. How the need for a "Benenden Blend" can be addressed; when we might be able to start making it work here; who might take it on board.

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

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