

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Our Worship: 27th October

The Last Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our 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 HOLY COMMUNION
led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am MORNING WORSHIP
led by Richard & Sue Fisher

Bible Readings:
2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18
Luke 18.9-14

Hymns	
9	When morning gilds the skies (incl * verses)
383	Lord thy word abideth
729	My God how wonderful thou art
390	Thanks to God

The Week Ahead

Monday 28 th	8.00 am	Morning Worship
Tuesday 29 th	8.00 am	Morning Worship at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	4.00 pm	'Blend' youth group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Wednesday 30 th	8.00 pm	Home Group at Julia & David Collard's
	8.00 am	Morning Worship at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Coffee Shop at the Memorial
	7.00 pm	Choir Practice <u>at the Memorial Hall</u>
	7.00 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Friday 1 st <i>All Saints' Day</i>	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	8.00 am	Morning Worship
	9-11.00 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's
	7.30 pm	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed led by Revd David Commander (<i>refreshments in church from 7pm</i>)
Saturday 2 nd	9.30-12 noon	Churchyard Working Party at St George's
	10am-12 noon	Hospice in the Weald sale of Christmas cards in St George's

Sunday Next: 3rd November – The Fourth Sunday before Advent

Readings: Readings: 2 Thess 1.1-4, 11-12, Luke 19.1-10

8.00 am Holy Communion led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10.00 am All Age Communion led by Revd David Commander

4.00 pm Choir Practice

5.00 pm Choral Evensong led by David Harmsworth

Readings: Sunday 27th October

2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. ¹⁶ At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Luke 18.9-14

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." ¹³But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

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. All are welcome to both groups.

Choir Practice: Benenden church choir will now practise on **Wednesdays from 7pm to 8pm in the Memorial Hall**. This is a trial period until after Christmas. Sue Fisher

Many thanks to all who came to the talk 'Ethiopia: The Cross and the Coffee Pot': for your enthusiastic interest, and above all for your generous donations to Water4Ethiopia, which exceeded our wildest hopes. With some donations still pending we have raised almost £700 for this excellent cause, a sum that will bring about real and permanent change in people's lives. I have asked for it to be assigned to a specific project that we can identify with, and when I know what it is I will let you know. I am thrilled to bits with this result, and can only say 'Dinkinesh' - Amharic for 'You are marvellous'! And if anybody would still like to contribute it's not too late ... RKvW

On Saturday 2nd November there is a Churchyard Working Party at St George's from 9.30am to 12 noon. Please do join us if you are able. DH

On Saturday 2nd November from 10am to 12 noon in St George's there is also a sale of Christmas cards in aid of Hospice in the Weald. Enjoy coffee and cake too. Jenny Stevens.

***Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
Service at St George's
led by Revd David Commander
Friday 1st November - 7.30pm
refreshments in church from 7pm***

Ride 'n Stride: Geoff Davison wishes to pass on his thanks to everyone from St George's Church who sponsored him this year on the Ride 'n Stride day. Geoff managed to raise a very impressive £1055 in total for the Friends of Kent Churches; St George's will receive a portion of this total. So our thanks also go to Geoff for his efforts in raising this money.

Memorial plaque: Following the granting of a Faculty, a new plaque in memory of Robert and Freda Reynolds is to be installed, internally, on the west wall of St George's Church. On Sunday 24th November, immediately following the 10 o'clock service, the plaque will be dedicated by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen. Everyone is welcome to attend this and support the Reynolds family.

**The Weald Greenhouse launch:
YOU ARE INVITED!**

The Weald Greenhouse will be launched on Thursday 28th November at Benenden Primary School) and we would love as many people as possible to come along. Revds Steve Coneys and Hugh Nelson will introduce the vision and values of the Greenhouse and will explain how it will work and there will be plenty of time for questions and discussion.

The Weald Greenhouse is for anyone who wants to explore how they could share faith with people for whom Sunday morning church is unlikely to appeal. It's not for spiritual heroes, missionary experts or Billy Graham style evangelists - it's for ordinary Christians who want to try something new for God. Please spread the word and come along to find out more. More Information at <https://www.gkchurch.org.uk/greenhouse>

***BLEND – Youth Group for all 11 to 15 year olds
Tuesdays IN TERM TIME from 4 to 6pm
at Sandhurst Mission Church, Back Road TN18 5JU***

***CHRISTMAS MINI MARKET & COFFEE MORNING
& GRAND DRAW***

***AT SANDHURST MISSION CHURCH
Back Road, Sandhurst TN18 5JU***

***Saturday 16th November
from 10am to 12.30pm***

***Produce, Cakes, Christmas Goodies & Christmas Cards,
Usborne Children's Books, Crafts & Wool, Silver Jewellery
Grand Draw first prize £200 and many more prizes!
Refreshments.***

***All proceeds in aid of St Nicholas Church.
An annual event not to be missed!***

Sandhurst Mental Wellbeing Fair
Saturday 2nd November 9.30am to 11.30am
at The Old School, Back Road, TN18 5JS

- * Come and learn how the Ways to Wellbeing can help you feel mentally fit.
- * Be Active - Find out about Village Walks.
- * Keep Learning - Find out about the benefits of art.
- * Learn about Mind, the national charity devoted to mental health. Information leaflets will be available.
- * Learn about Wellbeing in the Weald, a highly successful group based in Cranbrook.
- * Look after yourself - Eat well. Dietician Elaine Greenman will guide you.
- * Pamper yourself with an Indian Head Massage. Helen Evans will give a massage for a nominal fee.
- * Experience the joy of Reflexology. Practitioners Julie Edmonds and Jerval Ingleton will give free 20 minute taster sessions.
- * A counsellor will outline her counselling and therapy services.
- * Enjoy music. The Tenterden Rock Choir will sing at 10.30am and show how music can make us feel good.

Coffee, tea, cakes and biscuits will be available to buy whilst you stroll round the stalls.

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