

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 11th October The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.

Sunday 11th October - Benefice Services:

Readings: Philippians 4.1-9, Matthew 22.1-14

- 8am** **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S, BENENDEN**
led by Lyn Hayes & Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
- 10am** **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS, SANDHURST**
led by Lyn Hayes & Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Monday 12th** 8am Morning Prayer at St George's
 1.30pm BPS Year 5 visit to St George's
 7.30 pm Benenden Worship Group meeting at St George's
- Tuesday 13th** 8am Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
 10am Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church
 led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
 2pm Pastoral Group meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church
- Wednesday 14th** 8am Morning Prayer at St George's
- Friday 16th** 8am Morning Prayer at St George's

Sunday Next: Sunday 18th October – The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
Benefice Services: *Readings: 1 Thess. 1.1-10, Matthew 22.15-22*

- 8am** **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS, SANDHURST**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Revd David Commander
- 10am** **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S, BENENDEN**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Revd David Commander

Readings: Sunday 11th October – 18th Sunday after Trinity

Philippians 4.1-9

⁴¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Exhortations

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Matthew 22.1-14

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

²²Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²⁴The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.'

**IDEN GREEN
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Would like to invite you to the
Commissioning service of
TOBIN BIRD**

As Pastor of the church.

The service will be held

T O D A Y - 11th OCTOBER - AT 5.30pm

(please note revised date and time).

If you would like to attend (please note, facemasks must be worn)

you MUST contact NIGEL GRAN

Tel 07881 952 880 or info@idengreen.org.uk

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed: Our annual service this year will be at St George's on **Monday 2nd November at 7.30pm** led by Revd Rosemary. This will be a benefice service. - **There will not be a separate service on the Sunday morning at St Nicholas, as there has been in previous years.** If you would like to request a name to be read out, please email benendenchurch@gmail.com.

Track and Trace: You will have heard of the launch of the NHS "Track and Trace" app. If you have a smartphone, please consider downloading and using this app. It is not a solution to our problems, but another tool to help fight the virus along with "Hands. Face. Space"..... hand sanitising; wearing a face covering; and maintaining 2m social distancing. Each of our three churches has been registered, and a QR code/poster is displayed in the entrances. If you use your app and the QR code when you enter church we do not need to keep a paper record of your name and contact details. You can download the app from the "Apple App Store" or "Google Play". Revd David.

COVID19 - UPDATE FROM THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Last updated Friday 2 October at 11.07

Whilst Government guidance has been revised to allow certain activities to take place in church buildings, it is still vital that the necessary hygiene and social distancing precautions are kept in place in order to protect the NHS and save lives.

The information on the Church of England's page is regularly updated, so please check that for the latest guidance. When major changes are made, updates will be published through the Church of England Twitter and Facebook accounts.

Please read the detailed guidance to ensure all activities are conducted in a safe and hygienic way.

Below are some extracts from the guidance published on the Church of England website:

How does the 'rule of 6' affect churches?

Public worship can continue. There is an exemption that covers places of worship making it possible for more than six people to gather for acts of communal worship. However, it is not a blanket exemption. People must not be part of a group of more than six unless they are from the same household or support bubble.

Are places of worship exempt from the 'rule of 6'?

There is an exemption that covers places of worship making it possible for more than six people to gather there. The exemption covers church services and as well as some other activities that take place in church buildings.

However, it is not a blanket exemption. People must not be part of a group of more than six unless they are from the same household or support bubble.

Can Bible study groups and home groups now meet in person?

A group can meet in someone's home as long as there are no more than six people in the house in total, including those not taking part in the group at that time.

Groups can meet on church premises under the same conditions as apply to services of worship – for example, people attending must not be part of a group of more than six unless they are from the same household or support bubble.