

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 18th October The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 18th October

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 19th **8am** **Morning Prayer at St George's**

Tuesday 20th **8am** **Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church**
6.30pm **Simulator Bellringing Practice at St George's**

Wednesday 21st **8am** **Morning Prayer at St George's**
11.30am **Funeral & Burial at St George's**
7.30pm **Bellringing Practice at St George's**

Friday 23rd **8am** **Morning Prayer at St George's**
7.45pm **Bellringing Practice at St George's (tbc weekly)**

Sunday Next: Sunday 25th October – Bible Sunday (Last after Trinity)

Benefice Services: *Readings: Colossians 3.12-17, Matthew 24.30-35*

8am **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S, BENENDEN**
led by Revd David Commander & Vicki Young

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Daily Scripture and Reflection is posted on the St George's Church website and Facebook page every day of the week.

PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION REGARDING OUR CHURCH SERVICES

Website: <http://www.benendenchurch.org/>

Facebook Page: [@StGeorgesBenenden](https://www.facebook.com/StGeorgesBenenden)

A Church Near You: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com>

Readings: Sunday 18th October – 19th Sunday after Trinity

1 Thess. 1.1-10

The First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Salutation

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

The Thessalonians' Faith and Example

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Matthew 22.15-22

The Question about Paying Taxes

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' ²¹They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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 - or enter your request on the form at the back of church.

Remembrance Sunday at St George's: This year, the way we mark Remembrance Sunday will, of necessity, be different. We will hold a short service in St George's Church starting at 10am; conducted by Revd Rosemary. Numbers will be severely restricted to a maximum of 80 people in church - well down on the usual attendance for our Remembrance Day service; the service will be ticketed. There will be a sign-up form in the church porch from Sunday 25th October. If you wish to attend the Remembrance Sunday service please come up to church and put your name down, and then come to the Rectory to collect your ticket(s).

Once the allocated numbers have been reached, we will be unable to admit any more people to the 10 o'clock service on the 8th November. Sorry. However, the Act of Remembrance – with Roll of Honour, Last Post, Two-Minutes Silence, and Reveille - will take place down at the village war memorial; this will start at 10:55am on Sunday 8th. If you can't get to church, please do come to this commemoration.

Please remember: no groups of more than 6 people at the Memorial; and maintain social distancing between groups at all times.

Armistice Day will be marked in the village, with an act of remembrance at the war memorial starting just before 11am on Wednesday the 11th November.



COVID-19 Permitted Activities under the 3 Tier System

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Tier 1 - Medium

Public worship in church or in other premises where church services are routinely held

Permitted as an organised gathering provided any person attending is:

- alone or
 - part of a group of not more than 6 or
 - part of group all from the same household or from two linked households;
- and must not join any other group or mingle with any person from another group.

Church service in a public outdoor place

Permitted as an organised gathering provided the organiser carries out a statutory risk assessment and takes all reasonable measures to limit risk of transmission of coronavirus, as described in the guidance available. Any person attending must do so either:

- alone or
 - as part of a group of not more than 6 or •
- as part of group all from the same household or from two linked households and must not join any other group or mingle with any person from another group

Weddings in church

Permitted provided the gathering consists of no more than 15 persons.

Funerals in church, churchyard, cemetery or crematorium

Permitted provided the gathering consists of no more than 30 persons

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Baptism (whether during public worship or free-standing)

Same as for public worship in church or in other premises where church services are routinely held (see above).

Meetings (APCM etc.) in church or church hall

Same as for public worship in church or in other premises where church services are routinely held (see above).

Remembrance Sunday events (so far as not covered under the above exceptions for church services)

Permitted. Persons attending are limited to:

- those attending as part of their work
- those providing voluntary services for event
- members of the armed forces
- veterans of the armed forces, their representatives and carers
- spectators who participate alone, or as part of a group of no more than 6, or as part of a group all from the same household or from two linked households; **spectators must not join any other group or mingle with any peers**

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.

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