

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 10th July The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 10th July – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Colossians 1.1-14, Luke 10.25-37

8 am **1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am **MORNING WORSHIP AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by David Harmsworth

Hymns:

664 *How sweet the name of Jesus sounds*
675 *Immortal love (omit v 4 & 5)*
580 *Judge eternal*
827 *Ye servants of God*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Revd David is now on holiday and sabbatical until Monday 3rd October.

Should you require the services of a Priest during this time, please contact your Churchwardens: Sue Fisher Tel 01580 241 907, David Collard Tel 01580 241 944

Monday 11 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 12 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
	8 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 13 th	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
Thursday 14 th	10 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
Friday 15 th	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing – Quarter Peal attempt

Sunday Next: 17th July – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Colossians 1.15-28, Luke 10.38-end

8 am **1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT NICHOLAS**
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am **SUNG EUCHARIST AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

Readings: Sunday 10th July – The Fourth Sunday of Trinity

Colossians 1.1-14

The Letter of Paul to the Colossians

Salutation

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

Paul Thanks God for the Colossians

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 10.25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ²⁶He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' ²⁷He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' ²⁸And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' ³⁰Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' ³⁷He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'



SUMMER PILGRIMAGE TO BODIAM

Building on our experience with the Spring Pilgrimage, which was greatly enjoyed by all who took part, we, Lyn and Revd Ylva, are organising a Summer Pilgrimage on **Wednesday 27th July**. This is another opportunity for you to connect - with the landscape, with yourself and with the Spirit. We will do this through poetry, stillness, short reflections and through conversations along the road.

Again, our starting and end point will be St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst. We meet at 9:45 am for a 10 am start. Our route will take us through Bourne Lane, down through fields and woodlands to Bodiam Castle, where we will stop at the Castle Inn for lunch. Then we will be walking along the River Rother, turning up through the fields and lanes and finishing back at the church with a cuppa and a slice of something homemade at around 4 pm. The whole route is app 8.5 miles, but with many stopping points. Stout footwear, a walking pole and perhaps a raincoat is all that is needed.

For those of you who want a shorter walk, or have not got all day free, it is perfectly possible to join in the morning, then be taken back to the Church either before or after lunch by relay car. It would also be equally fine to join us at Bodiam Castle before or after lunch, then be driven back to collect your car at the end. If you speak to Revd Ylva, T. 01233-820100, M. 07766-711957, it can all be organised.

We would love to walk with you!

Lyn and Ylva

St George's Church Fete: Once again our annual fete proved to be a wonderful event. After all expenses have been received the profit is roughly £16200. An amazing achievement! A big thank you to all those who organised, volunteered, donated and helped to make this such a huge success. And thank you to everyone who came along on the day.

Bell-ringing Practice at St George's (usual weekly timetable)

Mondays: 3.30 to 4.30 pm - Learners' practice
Tuesdays: 6.30 to 7.30 pm - Simulator practice
Wednesdays: 7.30 to 9 pm - Weekly Bell-ringing Practice (shutters open)
Thursdays: 4.30 to 5.30 pm - Simulator practice
Fridays: 9 to 10.30 am - Simulator practice
3rd Friday of the Month 7.30 – 9 pm – Quarter Peal attempt

Revd David's Sabbatical

Revd David is now on holiday. He will then be taking a three-month sabbatical, returning to parish ministry on Monday 3rd October. Helen will also be taking time away and will not be at services in the benefice.

Until Sunday 2nd October the 8am Communion services will alternate between the two parishes. This is to reduce the workload on our two priests, Revd Rosemary and Revd Ylva. **The 10am services will continue at St George's every Sunday, as per the usual pattern.**

Services and pastoral matters will be covered by our Ministry Leadership Team of:

Revd Ylva
Revd Rosemary
Lyn Hayes
David Harmsworth
Vicki Young
and other visiting priests.

Deanery colleagues will also cover some weddings.

Administrative matters will be handled by the Churchwardens of the two parishes:

Anne Tylden-Wright & Bob Houlden (Sandhurst)
and Sue Fisher & David Collard (Benenden).

The Churchwardens' contact details can be found on the front and back of this weekly news sheet and on porch notice.

Any general enquiries may be emailed to Cathy Baker, Benefice Administrator, via benendenchurch@gmail.com. This email will be regularly monitored and any incoming emails responded to within a short period of time.

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