

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 17th July The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 17th July – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Colossians 1.15-28, Luke 10.38-end

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

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

Hymns:

4 *New every morning*
602 *Blest are the pure in heart*
258 *O thou, who camest from above*
765 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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 18 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 19 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	8 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 20 th	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	7 for 7.30 pm	Weald 'Filling Station' at Benenden Primary School
Thursday 21 st	10 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
	2 pm	BPS End of Year Service at St George's
	7.45 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Friday 22 nd	2 pm	Wedding of Sarah Bird & Josh Davies
	6 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday 23 rd	2 pm	Wedding of Benjamin Banfield & Amber Beeslee

Sunday Next: 24th July – The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Colossians 1.15-28, Luke 10.38-end

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

10 am **MORNING WORSHIP AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Richard & Sue Fisher

Readings: Sunday 17th July – The Fifth Sunday of Trinity

Colossians 1.15-28 The Supremacy of Christ

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— ²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

Paul's Interest in the Colossians

²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Luke 10.38-end Jesus Visits Martha and Mary

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Psalm 15

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? •
Who may rest upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads an uncorrupt life •
and does the thing that is right;
- 3 Who speaks the truth from the heart •
and bears no deceit on the tongue;
- 4 Who does no evil to a friend •
and pours no scorn on a neighbour;
- 5 In whose sight the wicked are not esteemed, •
but who honours those who fear the Lord.
- 6 Whoever has sworn to a neighbour •
and never goes back on that word;
- 7 Who does not lend money in hope of gain, •
nor takes a bribe against the innocent;
- 8 Whoever does these things •
shall never fall.

Benenden Bellinging: A quarter-peal upon the light six bells will be attempted at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26th July - this instead of the usual simulator practice. This will include all three of the Dellow family and, if successful, will be the first quarter for Katie and Will. If not successful, it will be attempted again on 16th August.

Vicki Young (Ordinand) is looking for a minimum two bed property to rent privately in Sandhurst, Benenden and surrounding areas. If you can help, please email vickijyoung40@gmail.com, or call 07527 160 019.

Weald Deanery Bring & Share Picnic: Saturday 30th July from 3.30 to 6 pm - Vicarage Garden, Marden. Please bring something to sit on. **Followed by an evening service in St Michael & All Angels, Marden.** All welcome.



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

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 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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