

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

**Collect:** Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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: 18<sup>th</sup> July – The Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

*Readings: Ephesians 2.11-end, Mark 6.30-34 & 53-end*

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

**10 am**           **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**  
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen & Revd David Commander

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10 – 11.30am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 – 5pm	Teas in the Churchyard at St Nicholas

### **Sunday Next: 25<sup>th</sup> July – The Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

*Readings: Ephesians 3.14-end; John 6.1-21*

**8 am**            **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**  
led by Lyn Hayes & Revd David Commander

**10 am**           **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS**  
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## **Readings: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July – The Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

### ***Ephesians 2.11-end***

#### ***One in Christ***

<sup>11</sup> So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called ‘the uncircumcision’ by those who are called ‘the circumcision’—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— <sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup>He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup>So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup>for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup>i in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

### ***Mark 6.30-34***

#### ***Feeding the Five Thousand***

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He said to them, ‘Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.’ For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

### ***Mark 6.53-end***

#### ***Healing the Sick in Gennesaret***

<sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup>When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup>and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

**Prayers** - please hold the family of Shirley Gooseman in your prayers. Shirley passed away on the 12th July. Details of her funeral will be announced once they have been confirmed by the family and Funeral Directors.

**Pat Longley’s daughter Debbie** would like to thank all who were involved in making Pat’s funeral at St Nicholas such an uplifting occasion: the organist and choir, the clergy, the bell ringers, the flower arrangers, the caterers, and all who came to share in the service. Thank you all!

**Morning Prayer** - over the school summer holiday period Morning Prayer will be conducted at 8 am as follows:

Monday – St George's

Tuesday - Sandhurst Mission Church

Wednesday – St George's

Friday - St George's

Anyone is welcome to come along to Morning Prayer; it is a gentle way to start the day. As of Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, as no one has recently used this, the option of joining Morning Prayer via Zoom will no longer happen.

## **Teas at St Nicholas**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July: 2.30 to 5pm**



**Afternoon teas will be served**

**in St Nicholas Churchyard**

**on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July.**

***Come and enjoy the beauty and views of the churchyard; meet old friends and see where we plan to have our new Garden of Remembrance.***

More info from Anne Tylden-Wright Tel 850281

**Planned Giving Secretary:** Clive Turner is standing down from this role after many years' service, and we need to find someone to take on this task. It is hugely important to our church finances, as it allows us to reclaim the Gift-Aid amongst other things. (It's only a few hours a month.) If you would like to find out more, please speak to Clive (240649) or to Charles Trollope (240821). Thank you.

## IN NEED OF FUEL?

### TOP UP SPIRITUALLY AT A FILLING STATION NEAR YOU!

The Filling Station is a new and informal way of expressing the Christian faith. Using local mid-week monthly celebration meetings in unusual venues, we find that the local church is strengthened and helped in many ways.

The Filling Station is not a new church denomination, rather a group of Christians who are celebrating their faith in God in an informal and authentic fashion.

Do come and join us at our local meeting at

#### **BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**7pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July in the playground**

**Guest Speaker: Martin Chapman**

more information from [www.thefillingstation.org.uk](http://www.thefillingstation.org.uk)

**"Rhythm of Life" community choir:** Carla Smith has decided to go ahead with the launch of the community choir initiative at St George's Church on Thursday 22nd July. (It will run from 10-11:30am.) Carla will be coming to the 10 o'clock at St George's on 18th July to tell us more about this initiative. If you are interested, and wish to contact to her, her email address is: [carlasmith882@gmail.com](mailto:carlasmith882@gmail.com), her mobile number is: 07743 430797.

**Little Walkhurst Open Gardens for Hospice in the Weald Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August from 11am to 3pm:** Address: Walkhurst Road TN17 5DT. Entry £5 adults; £2 under 16s.

**Faculty Petition:** Please note that there is a new Faculty Petition on the outer north door of the church; this is for additional handrails to aid entry to the church. Please take time to read the Petition. If you have any questions about it, then please ask one of the named persons.

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