

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 18th September The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Merciful Father and Lord of all life, we praise you that we are made in your image and reflect your truth and light. We thank you for the life of our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, for the love she received from you and showed among us. Above all, we rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ. And we ask that in due time we may share with your servant Elizabeth that clearer vision promised to us in the same Christ our Lord; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Sunday 18th September – The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 2 Corinthians. 4.16-5.4, John 6.35-40

**8 am A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION DURING THE MOURNING PERIOD
 AT ST NICHOLAS**

led by Archdeacon Andrew Sewell

10 am SUNG EUCHARIST AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Archdeacon Andrew Sewell

*Hymns 584 All my hope on God is founded
 634 Firmly I believe, and truly
 232 The head that once was crowned with thorns
 739 Now thank we all our God*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Revd David is on sabbatical until Monday 3rd October. Should you require the services of a Priest during this time, please contact Sue Fisher Tel 01580 241 907 or David Collard Tel 01580 241 944

Monday 19 th		<i>Bank Holiday: The Queen's Funeral</i>
Tuesday 20 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen <i>No Benenden Home Group this week</i>
Wednesday 21 st	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
Thursday 22 nd	10 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
Friday 23 rd	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's
	5 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday 24 th	11.45 am	Essex Bellringers visit to St George's
	1 pm	Wedding of Jeff Howarth & Catherine Sadler conducted by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

Sunday Next: 25th September – The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 1 Timothy 6.6-19, Luke 16.19-end

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

10 am MORNING WORSHIP AT ST GEORGE'S
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Readings: Sunday 18th September

2 Corinthians. 4.16-5.4

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

John 6.35-40

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

Benenden Home Group due to the Queen's Funeral there will be **no Home Group on Tuesday 20th September** and will meet again on Tuesday 27th September at 7 Fuggles Court. **There will be no Home Group on Tuesday 4th October** but will meet again on Tuesday 11th October.

Autumn Pilgrimage: On Sunday 16th October we will set off on our Autumn Pilgrimage. We will again be leaving from St Nicholas, Sandhurst. As it is a Sunday, we will meet after the 10am church service at Benenden at 11.45am for a 12 o'clock start from St Nicholas. This time it will again be a shorter route, around 4 miles in total, finishing up with tea/coffee and cake at the church around 3pm, as before. We will stop for reflection and contemplation along the route. Please do speak to Lyn and Ylva for more details. We would love to walk with you!

A Book of Condolence for Her late Majesty the Queen is open at St George's at the back of church near the font





A prayer on the death of
Her Majesty The Queen

Gracious God, we give thanks
for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth,
for her faith and her dedication to duty.
Bless our nation as we mourn her death
and may her example continue to inspire us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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

Friends of Kent Churches Ride & Stride: On behalf of St Nicholas Sandhurst David Carter visited 12 churches between Stone in Oxney and Lydd. Well done David and thank you. Alison is away at the moment so please give your sponsor money to Katherine O'Neil, who has David's sponsor forms.

Sandhurst's Annual Mini Market and Coffee morning will be in the Mission Church on Saturday 26th November from 10am to midday. Raffle prizes, cakes, preserves, and good bric a brac would be very welcome. Helpers also welcome! Please contact Anne Tylden-Wright Tel 850 281.


HARVEST SERVICE AT ST GEORGE'S



Sunday 2nd October at 11 am

led by Lyn Hayes & Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

Harvest Lunch: This year's lunch is at 12 noon after our Harvest service on 2nd October. All are welcome. It is a cold 'bring-and-share' buffet. If you would like to come along do please sign up via the list at the back of the church or via email to cathypresgrave@gmail.com. There is no charge for the lunch this year, but any donations would be gratefully received.

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