

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 24th July The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 24th July – The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Colossians 2.6-15 [16-19], Luke 11.1-13

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

Hymns:

707 *Lift high the cross (sing v1 and 7 to end)*

116 *Be thou my guardian and my guide*

629 *Father, hear the prayer we offer*

816 *Thy kingdom come, O 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 25 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Benenden PCC meeting at the Memorial Hall
Tuesday 26 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
	7.30 pm	Quarter Peal attempt
	8 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 27 th	9.45 am	Summer Pilgrimage from St Nicholas to Bodiam
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
Thursday 28 th	10 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
Saturday 30 th	11 am	Baptism of Theo & Remy Akrimi
	3.30 – 6pm	Weald Bring & Share Picnic, Marden Vicarage Garden

Sunday Next: 31st July – The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Colossians 3.1-11, Luke 12.13-21

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

10 am BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Lyn Hayes

Readings: Sunday 24th July – The Sixth Sunday of Trinity

Colossians 2.6-15

Fullness of Life in Christ

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Colossians 2.16-19

¹⁶ Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Luke 11.1-13

The Lord's Prayer

¹¹He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' ²He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

Perseverance in Prayer

⁵ And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." ⁷And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Benenden Bellringing: 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. Rod Lebon

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.

Next Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of the Month; so we have Benefice services: **8am at St George's, 10am at St Nicholas.**

Next choir practice at St George's: Thursday 4th August 7-8pm

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.



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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