

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 25th July The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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: 25th 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**
led by Lyn Hayes & Revd David Commander

THE WEEK AHEAD

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| Monday 26 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at St George's |
| | 10 am | MLT meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church |
| | 7.10 pm | Benenden PCC Communion at St George's |
| | 7.30 pm | Benenden PCC meeting at St George's |
| Tuesday 27 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church |
| | 10 am | Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen |
| Wednesday 28 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at St George's |
| | 2 pm | Interment of t/l Jill O'Flaherty at St George's |
| | 7 pm | 'The Filling Station' at Benenden Primary School |
| Thursday 29 th | 10 – 11.30am | Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's |
| | 5.30 pm | Wedding Rehearsal |
| | 7 pm | Choir Practice |
| Friday 30 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at St George's |
| | 2.30 pm | Wedding of Phillip Rawlings & Georgina Wade |
| | 5 pm | Wedding Rehearsal |
| Saturday 31 st | 11 am | Memorial Service t/l Angus Beaucanon at St George's |
| | 2 pm | Wedding of Richard Hayes & Vicky Rukin |

Sunday Next: 1st August – The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Ephesians 4.1-16, John 6.24-35

- 8 am** **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Revd David Commander
- 10 am** **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd David Commander

Readings - Sunday 25th July – The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Ephesians 3.14-end

Prayer for the Readers

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

John 6.1-21

Feeding the Five Thousand

⁶After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' ¹⁰Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' ¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Jesus Walks on the Water

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

PRAYERS: Shirley Gooseman's funeral service will take place on Friday 30th July at Vinters Park. This is for family and those they invite. The interment will take place on Tuesday 17th August at 1pm, in the churchyard at St George's. A Memorial Service to celebrate Shirley's life will take place on Tuesday 24th August at 2.30pm, at St George's Church - everyone is welcome to attend this service. Please hold Shirley's family in your prayers.

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.

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 28th July in the playground

Guest Speaker: Martin Chapman

more information from 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. The choir meets on Thursdays from 10 to 11:30am. If you are interested, and wish to contact Carla, her email address is: carlasmith882@gmail.com, mobile number: 07743 430797.

Little Walkhurst Open Gardens for Hospice in the Weald Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th 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.

COFFEE SHOP

at the Memorial Hall

every

Wednesday

10 am to 11.30 am

Please come along

For a chat, coffee and refreshments

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