

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 25th September The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 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
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

Hymns 604 *Brother, sister, let me serve you*
 823 *Who would true valour see*
 676 *Immortal, invisible*
 713 *Lord of all hopefulness.*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Revd David is on sabbatical until next 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 26 th	8 am	Morning Prayer 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 Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
	8 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 28 th	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	2 pm	BPS Harvest Service at St George's
Thursday 29 th	10 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
	7 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 30 th	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's
Saturday 1 st	4 pm	Connect Four at Sandhurst Mission Church

Sunday Next: 2nd October – The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8 am HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
Readings: 2 Timothy 1.1-14, Luke 17.5-10

11 am HARVEST & ALL AGE COMMUNION SERVICE AT ST GEORGE'S
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen & Lyn Hayes
Readings: Philippians 4:4-9, John 6:25-35
followed by HARVEST BRING & SHARE LUNCH IN CHURCH
- all welcome - please sign up (see notice below)

No Evening Prayer tonight

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1 Timothy 6.6-19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

The Good Fight of Faith

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Luke 16.19-end

The Rich Man and Lazarus

¹⁹ ‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” ²⁵But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” ²⁷He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” ²⁹Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” ³⁰He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” ³¹He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” ’

**Choir Practice at St George’s
7pm, Thursday 29th September**

Harvest Service & Harvest Lunch at St George's Sunday 2nd October

11 am - Harvest Holy Communion Service

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
& Lyn Hayes

As in the past, any food donations will go to Nourish and any cash donations passed to WaterAid.



12 noon - 'Bring & Share' Harvest Lunch

This year's Harvest lunch is in church after our 11am harvest service on Sunday 2nd October.

Everyone is 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 – in aid of St George's - would be gratefully received.*

Benenden Home Group meets 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 at St Nicholas for a 12 o'clock start. 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, if you like, bring a packed lunch and a drink as we will stop for a short break. Please do speak to Lyn and Ylva for more details. - We would love to walk with you*

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

WEALD DEANERY - AUTUMN DEANERY ROADSHOW

Tuesday 18th October at 7 for 7.30pm
St Peter and St Paul's Church, Headcorn
Chairman - Graham Codling, Lay Chair

TIMETABLE

7.00pm - Refreshments

7.30pm - Welcome by Lay Chair.

Session 1 - Dwelling in the Word - Speaker TBA

8pm - Session 2 - Slideshow Presentation:

Ven. Stephen Taylor, Diocesan Secretary.

8.30pm - Q&A Session with Panel:

**Stephen Taylor, Archdeacon Andrew Sewell, Father Rodney Dreyer, Area Dean,
Member of Finance Team.**

ALL ARE WELCOME

The subject matter of the Roadshow will also serve to replace the Joint Churchwardens and Treasurers' Meeting that was due to be held on 10th September, 2022 and which was postponed due to the death of the Queen.


We look forward to as many representatives attending from the parishes as possible.

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.

Margaret & David's Charity Walk for MIND: 112 miles were successfully walked by David and Margaret Sargent along the open, rolling countryside of the South Downs Way from Winchester. (The trail is 100 miles but we had to walk to our accommodation each night). Wearing bright blue Mind T shirts we were joined by friends and family and had a wonderful welcoming party as we walked into Eastbourne. Getting up each morning with just walking ahead of you is the most brilliant break from the routine of life.

Nearly £11,000 has been raised (including Gift Aid) and there is still time to donate on the Just Giving site: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/anna-sargent10> A huge thank you to all those from Benenden and Sandhurst who gave so generously. I will try to write to everyone but it might take a little while! Margaret Sargent

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