

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June

## The Second Sunday after Trinity

**Collect:** Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June – The Second Sunday after Trinity

*Readings: Galatians 5.1, 13-25, Luke 9.51-end*

**8 am HOLY COMMUNION**

led by Revd David Commander

**10 am MORNING WORSHIP**

led by Vicki Young

*Hymns:* 563 *Jesus Christ is waiting*  
692 *Jesus, good above all other*  
147 *My song is love unknown (omit v4 & v6)*  
812 *Through all the changing scenes of life*

1 pm CSO Rehearsal at St George's

7.30 pm Cranbrook Symphony Orchestra concert at St George's

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

**From today, Sunday, Revd David is on holiday / sabbatical until Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.**

**Should you require the services of a Priest during this time, please contact your Churchwardens. For the week ahead Sue Fisher Tel 01580 241 907**

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at the Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie <i>No Benenden Home Group - until 12<sup>th</sup> July</i>
	7.30 pm	Archdeacons' Visitation service - All Saints, Biddenden
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
	7 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 am	Benenden Girls' School Speech Day at St George's
	2 – 4 pm	Bromley & Croydon organists' visit to St George's
	4 pm	'Connect Four' at Sandhurst Mission Church

### Sunday Next: 3<sup>rd</sup> July – The Third Sunday after Trinity

*Readings: Galatians 6.[1-6] 7-16, Luke 10.1-11, 16-20*

**8 am 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS SANDHURST**

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

**10 am ALL AGE COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

**5 pm CHORAL EVENSONG AT ST GEORGE'S** led by David Harmsworth

**Readings: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June – The Second Sunday of Trinity**

***Galatians 5.1, 13-25***

<sup>51</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>15</sup>If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

***The Works of the Flesh***

<sup>16</sup> Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

***The Fruit of the Spirit***

<sup>22</sup> By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

***Luke 9.51-end***

***A Samaritan Village Refuses to Receive Jesus***

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village.

***Would-Be Followers of Jesus***

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' <sup>59</sup>To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' <sup>60</sup>But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' <sup>61</sup>Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

**Project 20/20:** Please take time to look at the Project 20/20 display, and the marking out on the floor, at the back of church. The sub-group of the PCC would welcome all your comments, ideas, suggestions or questions so that we can amend, if necessary, the concept before an informal discussion with the DAC. Please address any questions/comments to Richard Stubbings, who is coordinating this, via Cathy Baker; Email: [benendenchurch@gmail.com](mailto:benendenchurch@gmail.com) (Make the subject of your email "Project 20/20"). Alternatively, a hard copy of your comments may be given to any member of the sub-group.

Following an informal meeting with the DAC, other changes to the concept may be necessary. We will then put forward a full proposal to the church family and community for consideration.  
Revd David

**Benenden Home Group:** *There will be no Tuesday Home Group meetings until 12<sup>th</sup> July due to none availability of usual attendees.*

**Churchwardens: Archdeacons' Visitation Services 2022:** Churchwardens are the Bishop's lay officers responsible directly to her for the life and work of the church in the parish. Responsibilities laid upon them from time to time by the Bishop, or by the Archdeacon and the Area Dean, ensuring the maintenance of the building, the running of services, and acting as ex-officio members of the PCC. Every year Churchwardens, sides-people and others are invited to attend a Visitation service for prayer, worship and the formal admission of Churchwardens. Our Churchwardens are attending services on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 7:30pm, as follows:

David Collard, with Revd David, attended St Mary of Charity, Faversham on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Sue Fisher, Anne Tylden-Wright and Bob Houlden will be attending All Saints, Biddenden on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

If you are a Sidesperson or if you wish to support our Churchwardens, you are welcome to attend these services; please hold them in your prayers if you are unable to attend.

With our thanks for all our Churchwardens do for us. Revd David

### **Revd David's Sabbatical**

**Revd David is off on holiday after today's services, Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> June.** He will then be taking a three-month sabbatical, returning to parish ministry on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Helen will also be taking time away, and will not be at services in the benefice after today, 26<sup>th</sup> June.

**From Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October the 8 o'clock Communion services will alternate between the two parishes. This is to reduce the workload on our two priests, Revd Rosemary and Revd Ylva.**

**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 the weekly news sheet and porch notice. - *Please note, if only one Churchwarden is listed under 'The Week Ahead' on the front page this indicates that the second Churchwarden unavailable that week).*

**Any general enquiries** may be emailed to Cathy Baker, Benefice Administrator, via [benendenchurch@gmail.com](mailto:benendenchurch@gmail.com)

### **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***

**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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

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