

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 28th August The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Collect: O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 28th August – The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16, Luke 14.1, 7-14

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 David Harmsworth

Hymns: 613 *City of God, how broad and far*
 594 *Be still, my soul*
 729 *My God, how wonderful thou art*
 394 *Tell out, my soul*

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
your Churchwardens: David Collard Tel 01580 241 944, Sue Fisher Tel 01580 241 907*

Monday 29 th		<i>Bank Holiday</i>
Tuesday 30 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
Wednesday 31 st	8 pm	Benenden Home Group at Cathy Presgrave's
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
Thursday 1 st	10 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
	7 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 2 nd	5 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday 3 rd	12.30 noon	Wedding of Max Williams & Lynsey Inglis at St George's
	4 pm	Connect Four at Sandhurst Mission Church

Sunday Next: 4th September – The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Philemon 1-21, Luke 14.25-33

8 am **1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS**
led by Revd Jack Bateson

10 am **ALL AGE COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd Jack Bateson

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

Psalms 121. Readings: Isaiah 43.14-44.5, John 5.30-end

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Hebrews 13.1-8

Service Well-Pleasing to God

¹³Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' ⁶So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for

Hebrews 13.15-16

¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Luke 14.1, 7-14

Jesus Heals the Man with Dropsy

¹⁴On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

Humility and Hospitality

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Tuesday Home Group in Benenden: On Tuesday 30th August we will meet at the home of Cathy Presgrave, Eaton Barn, Goddard's Gren Road. There will be no Home Group meetings on 6th and 13th September, but we will resume again on Tuesday 20th September at 7 Fuggles Court.

Saturday 3rd September 9.30 - 12 noon St George's Churchyard Working party. Please do join us if you are able. DH

Friends of Kent Churches Ride & Stride - Saturday 10th September 10am-6pm. For further information and sponsor forms please contact Anne Tylden-Wright Tel 850281. Alison Carter's husband David and son in law Jack are going to ride for St Nicholas, their sponsor forms are at the back of St Nicholas Church. It would be great if you could sponsor them. Friends of Kent Churches have been very helpful to St Nicholas. ATW

A date for your diaries: On Sunday 16th October 2022 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!

Next Choir Practice at St George's - Thursday 1st September at 7 pm.

Benenden Memorial Hall: A new cleaner is needed from October for the Memorial Hall. At present there is up to 2 hours' work a week, but should bookings increase there may be additional hours. At present the rate is £12 per hour. For further information contact David Collard on 01580 241944 or Email: d.collard49@btinternet.com or Jackie Liffen on 01580 240358 Email: liffen10@outlook.com

Margaret & David's Fundraiser for 'Mind':

Our minds are equally as important as our bodies and we need to look after both!
Walking is widely recognised as being good for mind and body.

Ten years ago, our daughter Anna took her own life after suffering from many years of mental torment. She loved riding and rode from Winchester to Eastbourne on the South Downs Way. In her memory, and to raise money for Mind the national mental health charity, David and I are doing this walk in September. Please will you help us by donating to Mind?

There is a Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/anna-sargent10>
but equally cash donations are very welcome!! Mind challenge the stigma of mental illness, lobby for improvement, train people to help others and coordinate local Minds who deliver much needed services. Margaret Sargent

**Open Synod Meeting of Weald Deanery
Tuesday 6th September at 7.30-pm
The Parish Room, High Street, Staplehurst**

**Church members from parishes within the Deanery are invited to attend the
Synod Meeting Open Session
that will involve presentations from the following:-**

Theme – Environment and Eco Church – Introduced by Lay Chair

- a) Jonathan Arnold – Diocesan Director of Communities and Partnerships
'Why care, why act, why pray: climate action and faith.'***
- b) Teresa Redfern – Diocesan Environmental Officer 'Eco Church'***

NB Only elected members will be able to participate in the Business Section of the Meeting following the above.

Revd David's Sabbatical

Revd David is on sabbatical, returning to parish ministry on Monday 3rd October. Helen is also 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 Benenden services will continue 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 the porch notices.

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.

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

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