

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September HARVEST

(Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity)

**Collect:** Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 29<sup>th</sup> September – HARVEST – (Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity)

8 am Holy Communion Readings: James 5.13-end, Mark 9.38-end

Harvest Reading: Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

**8 am HOLY COMMUNION**

led by Revd David Commander

**11 am HARVEST SERVICE**

led by Revd David Commander (*followed by Harvest Lunch in Church*)

Hymns: 282 *Come, ye thankful people, come*  
287 *Praise and Thanksgiving*  
283 *Fill your hearts with joy and gladness*  
290 *We plough the fields, and scatter*

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	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	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	7.30 pm	Learning & Sharing the Faith. Prayer Group meeting via Zoom
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
	7 – 8 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's
	5 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 pm	Wedding of Andrew Rowley & Lucy Traill at St George's

### Sunday Next: 6<sup>th</sup> October – Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Hebrews 1.1-4 & 2.5-12, Mark 10.2-16

**8 am HOLY COMMUNION**

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

**10 am ALL AGE COMMUNION**

led by Revd David Commander & Victoria Bray

**5 pm CHORAL EVENSONG** led by David Harmsworth

*Psalm 125. Readings: Joshua 3.7-end, Matthew 10.1-22*

**Readings: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity – 8AM SERVICE**

**James 5.13-end**

<sup>13</sup> Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. <sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

**Mark 9.38-end**

<sup>38</sup> John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup> 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.' <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup> 'For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

**Readings: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September – HARVEST**

**Matthew 13.1-9**

<sup>13</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!'

**Matthew 13.18-23**

<sup>18</sup> 'Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.

## Harvest Service at St George's

11am - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September



We would be grateful for non-perishable harvest goods. These will be donated to local charities for those in need.

**Brass Cleaning at St George's:** Now is the time to start cleaning the church brass once more in preparation for Christmas. We would be pleased to welcome a few more to our group. We start on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 9am and continue meeting once a week until they are finished. If you would like to know more, please contact Julia Collard on Tel 241 944.



## Performances at Benenden School Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October

**Junior Concert -1.30pm at the Recital Hall**  
**Senior Concert -7pm at the Centenary Hall**

**No charge but there will be a retiring collection  
in aid of the Friends of St George's.**

**All are welcome!**

**Walking the Camino Ingles in memory of Louise Nicholson:** Starting on 15<sup>th</sup> October, Lyn Hayes together with Jackie Nudd and five others, will be walking the English Camino in memory of Louise Nicholson whilst raising much needed funds and awareness for DAVSS (Domestic Abuse Volunteer Support Services) a fantastic local charity that helps and supports victims and their families affected by domestic abuse and coercive control.

Lyn's JustGiving page is: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/linda-hayes-1721826875680>



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## A Concert of Harvest and Gratitude

*An a cappella concert of choral music - sacred and secular, ancient and contemporary - to celebrate the harvest season*

Conductor: Michael Bascom

**7:30pm, Saturday 26th October, 2024  
St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst**

*Tickets £12 in advance, £15 on the door*

*Available from:*

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