

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 2nd June First Sunday after Trinity

Collect: O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 2nd June – First Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 & Mark 2:23-3:6

8 am	HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd David Commander
10 am	ALL AGE COMMUNION led by Revd David Commander & Ven Andrew Sewell <i>Hymns: 593 At the name of Jesus</i> <i>494 I, the Lord of sea and sky</i> <i>727i May the mind of Christ my Saviour</i> <i>595 Be thou my vision</i>
11.30 am – 1 pm	Project 20:20 Public Meeting at St George's
2 – 5 pm	Teas in the Churchyard at St Nicholas, Sandhurst
5 pm	CHORAL EVENSONG AT ST GEORGE'S led by David Harmsworth <i>Readings: Jeremiah 5:1-19, Romans 7:7-end. Psalm 81.1-10</i> <i>Hymns: 453 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour</i> <i>787ii Take my life</i> <i>258 O thou who camest</i>

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 3 rd	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7 pm	Archdeacon's Visitation service at St Mildred's, Tenterden
Tuesday 4 th	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen <i>No Benenden Home Group this week</i>
Wednesday 5 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	7 pm	Project 20:20 progress meeting
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 6 th	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
	6.30 – 7 pm	D-Day 80 - Ringing Out for Peace Bellringing at St George's
	7 – 8 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 7 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's

Sunday Next: 9th June – Second Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 2 Cor. 4.13 - 5.1 & Mark 3 20-end

8 am	1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
10 am	MORNING WORSHIP & BAPTISM led by Revd David Commander
5.30 pm	DEANERY CHORAL EVENSONG AT CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

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2 Corinthians 4:5-12

⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Mark 2:23-3:6

Pronouncement about the Sabbath

²³ One sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' ²⁵And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' ²⁷Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'

The Man with a Withered Hand

³Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' ⁴Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Project 20/20: an update meeting will take place after today's 10 o'clock service. The meeting will be chaired by Ven. Andrew Sewell, Archdeacon of Maidstone; it will begin at 11.30am. Please come along if you are interested in the progress of the project and the future of St George's Church.

Benenden Home Group: There will be no meeting this week, Tuesday 4th June. We will meet again next week 11th June. David Collard

Archdeacon's Visitation
Monday 3rd June 2024
at St Mildred's Church, Tenterden
The service begins at 7pm

It is at the Visitation that our Churchwardens are sworn into office for the year to come. It would be lovely if folk from church could come along and support Sue Fisher and David Collard, and the Churchwardens for St Nicholas Sandhurst, at this service. If you are a Sidesperson or serve the church in any other way, please also come along as prayers are said for those who serve. Revd David

Sunday 9th June
Deanery Choral Evensong at Canterbury
Cathedral
by invitation of
The Very Reverend Dr David Monteith
Everyone in the Weald Deanery is invited

4 pm Welcome Tea & Cake in the Community Studio
5.30 pm Choral Evensong in the Cathedral

SATURDAY 15th JUNE
12 noon – 4pm
ST GEORGE'S FETE
on The Green

Vicki Young: Vicki's last service in the Benefice, with an opportunity for us to send her on her way with our love, will be a 10 o'clock service at St Nicholas, Sandhurst on Sunday 23rd June.

Vicki's ordination is at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday 29th June; the service starts at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome to attend. Vicki will then take up her training curacy, the first year as a Deacon, at St Michael and All Angels in Marden.

Summer Pilgrimage - Saturday 13th July

9.45am for a 10am start from St Nicholas Church



Taking in the paths & byways around the Kent & Sussex border, stopping for reflection and having time to connect with God and enjoy the company of fellow pilgrims, whilst walking in our wonderful countryside.

The day can be split into two halves as we will be stopping off for lunch at The Castle Inn in Bodiam. You can take part for just the morning or the afternoon if liked. The whole walk will be around 6-6.5 miles long, finishing back at St Nicholas for well-earned refreshment and our traditional offering of cake at around 4pm.

We would love to walk with you. If you have further questions, or would like a lift, please get in touch with Revd Ylva Tel 07766 711957, Email: rev.ylva@gmail.com. or Lyn Hayes Tel 07792 332904, Email: lindapin@aol.com

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