

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 3rd July The Third Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 3rd 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

*Hymns: 812 Through all the changing scenes of life
630 Father, lord of all creation
103 O worship the Lord
748 O Jesus, I have promised (omit v2)*

5 pm CHORAL EVENSONG AT ST GEORGE'S

led by David Harmsworth

Psalm 65, Readings: Genesis 29.1-20, Mark 6.7-29

*Hymns: 569 The kingdom of God
772 Rock of ages, cleft for me
813 Through the night of doubt and sorrow*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Revd David is now on holiday and sabbatical until Monday 3rd October.

Should you require the services of a Priest during this time, please contact your Churchwardens:

Sue Fisher Tel 01580 241 907, David Collard Tel 01580 241 944

Monday 4 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	2 – 3 pm	Wedding meeting at St George's (YBM)
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 5 th	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 - until 12th July</i>
Wednesday 6 th	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	2.30 pm	Funeral of t/l David Barham at St Mary the Virgin, Rolvenden
Thursday 7 th	10 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
Friday 8 th	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	5 pm	Wedding Rehearsal at St George's
Saturday 9 th	2 pm	Wedding of Sophie Pugh & Alex Stoughton at St George's conducted by Revd Silke Tetzlaff

Sunday Next: 10th July – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Colossians 1.1-14, Luke 10.25-37

8 am 1662 BCP 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

Readings: Sunday 3rd July – The Third Sunday of Trinity

Bear One Another's Burdens

⁶My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. ³For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵For all must carry their own loads.

⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

Final Admonitions and Benediction

¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Luke 10.1-11, 16-20

The Mission of the Seventy

¹⁰After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹"Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."

¹⁶ 'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.'

The Return of the Seventy

¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' ¹⁸He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you.

Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

St George's Church Fete: Once again our annual fete proved to be a wonderful event. After all expenses have been received the profit is roughly £16200. An amazing achievement! A big thank you to all those who organised, volunteered, donated and helped to make this such a huge success. And thank you to everyone who came along on the day.

The Barham family of Hole Park are sad to announce the death of David Barham aged 95 after a two year illness. David died peacefully at home on Sunday 19th June.

**The funeral will take place at 2.30pm on Wednesday 6th July
at St Mary the Virgin, Rolvenden.**

Hole Park Gardens will close at 2pm on this date for this reason.

There is limited parking in the High Street for the church, so additional parking will be available in the Inkerman Field off the B2086, Benenden Road, close to Rolvenden Windmill. Please follow the signs. Car Park postcode TN17 4PE. This will bring you to within a 300 m walk to the church.

The retiring collection will be in aid of church funds.

We believe we have provided ample seating within the church, for approximately 400, so there is no need to arrive too early.

For those travelling long distances, you may wish to use the facilities of the Coach House Cafe and the gardens at Hole Park if you have time prior to the funeral. If you do, could you please respect our privacy at the house.

After the funeral everyone is welcome at Hole Park TN17 4JA
Catherine, Jennifer, William, Edward and Robert Barham

Revd David's Sabbatical

Revd David is now on holiday. He will then be taking a three-month sabbatical, returning to parish ministry on Monday 3rd October. Helen will also be taking time away and will not be at services in the benefice.

From Sunday 3rd July to Sunday 2nd October the 8 am Communion services will alternate between the two parishes. This is to reduce the workload on our two priests, Revd Rosemary and Revd Ylva. **The 10 am services will continue at St George's every Sunday, 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 porch notice.

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

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 (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 12th July due to none availability of usual attendees.*

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 27th 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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