

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 7th August The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday: 7th August – The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16, Luke 12.32-40

*We welcome Revd Jack to St Nicholas and St George's this morning.
Revd Jack is Co-Chaplain at Benenden Girls' School.*

8 am HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS

led by Revd Jack Bateson

10 am ALL AGE COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd Jack Bateson

*Hymns: 584 All my hope on God is founded
51 The Lord will come and not be slow
819 To the name of our salvation
650 Great is thy faithfulness*

5 pm CHORAL EVENSONG AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

Readings: Isaiah 11.10-end, Mark 7.24-30. Psalm 108

*Hymns 595 Be thou my vision
683 Jerusalem the golden
546 O Lord my God*

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Revd Ylva is on holiday from Monday 8th to Thursday 18th August inclusive.

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

David Collard, Churchwarden, Tel 01580 241 944

Monday 8 th	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 9 th		No Tuesday Holy Communion in Sandhurst this week.
	8 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 10 th	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
Thursday 11 th	10 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
	2 pm	Funeral of t/l Lorna Elliott at St George's led by Lyn Hayes
Saturday 13 th	10.30 am	Baptism of Flora Orford at St George's

Sunday Next: 14th August – The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Hebrews 11.29-12.2, Luke 12.49-56

8 am 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Arch Deacon Andrew Sewell

10 am MORNING WORSHIP AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

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Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

The Meaning of Faith

¹¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

The Faith of Abraham

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered himself faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Luke 12.32-40

³² ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Watchful Slaves

³⁵ ‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ ‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

Friends of Kent Churches Ride & Stride - Saturday 10th September 10am-6pm. For further information and sponsor forms please contact Anne Tylden-Wright 850281

Vicki Young (Ordinand) is looking for a minimum two bed property to rent privately in Sandhurst, Benenden and surrounding areas. If you can help, please email vickijyoung40@gmail.com, or call 07527 160 019.

Prayers: We pray for **t/l Lorna Elliott** and her family and friends. Lorna’s funeral, led by Lyn Hayes, is at 2pm on Thursday 11th August at St George’s.

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

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

Revd David's Sabbatical

Revd David is 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.

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 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

RECITAL IN AID OF HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

Welcome to our 14th season of Richard Beattie Davis Memorial Musicales.

The September Hospice recital will be at 3pm on Tuesday 6th September, when Sasha Karpeyev will be playing with François Pineau-Benois, our first violinist who is coming over from Paris. Sasha tells me that they are exploring the 'Belaieff' composers, which thrills me - possibly inspired by my husband Richard's book 'The Beauty of Belaieff', the definitive study of this Russian music publisher. They will be playing Rachmaninov, Prokofiev, Glazunov and more.

Tickets will only be sold in advance.

Please contact me for reservations: Gillian Davis 01580-850384
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