

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 8th September Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 8th September – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: James 2.1-10, 14-17, Mark 7.24-end

8 am	1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
10 am	MORNING WORSHIP led by David Harmsworth
	<i>Hymns: 644 God is Love: let heav'n adore him</i>
	<i>587 Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)</i>
	<i>675 (omit vv3&4) Immortal Love for ever full</i>
	<i>810 Thou, whose almighty word</i>

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 9 th	8 am 2 pm 7.30 pm	Morning Prayer at St George's Benenden Worship Group Meeting at the Rectory Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 10 th	8 am 10 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
Wednesday 11 th	11.30 am 8 am 10 – 11.30 am	MLT meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
Thursday 12 th	7.30 – 9 pm 8 am 10 – 11.30 am 7 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's Morning Prayer at St George's Community Choir at St George's Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 13 th		<i>Revd David's day off (this week only)</i>
Saturday 14 th	9 – 11 am 10 am – 6 pm 10 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's Friends of Kent Churches: Ride & Stride Dedication of Reynolds memorial in the churchyard (Private)

Sunday Next: 15th September – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: James 3.1-12, Mark 8.27-end

8 am	HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
10 am	SUNG EUCHARIST & BAPTISM of Isaac Grigson led by Revd David Commander

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James 2.1-10,14-17

²My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸ You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Mark 7.24-end

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁸But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' ²⁹Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Prayers:

The funeral of **t/I Alan Britton** takes place at 1pm on Wednesday 18th September.

The funeral of **t/I Phyllis Marshall** is at 1pm on Monday 23rd September.

Both services are at St George's. We pray for both families at this sad time.

Home Groups:

Sandhurst Home Group re-starts on Monday 9th September at Sandhurst Mission Church
Benenden Home Group next meets on Tuesday 24th September

Harvest Service at St George's 11am Sunday 29th September



followed by Harvest Lunch – details to be confirmed

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

Newcomers' Lunch: The date of the next Newcomers' Lunch is Saturday, 12th October at 12 noon in St George's Church. We are asking for names of newcomers to the village to please be passed to Sally Ann Marks so that we can formally invite them to come. Please email Sally on sallymarks100@hotmail.com if you are new to Benenden or if you know of anyone who may have moved in to the village within the last couple of years.

We will be inviting representatives of various village organisations to attend to give details of their activities. If you are able to help with the Lunch, again please email Sally Ann.

Walking the Camino Ingles in memory of Louise Nicholson: Starting on 15th 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.

Louise died nearly six years ago leaving two children. Her mother Jackie has been fighting for justice for her daughter and her grandchildren. We need to keep educating each other and raising awareness about domestic abuse and its effects on those who suffer as a consequence of a crime that largely goes under the radar.

We will be tackling the 118km route over 6 days, starting in Ferrol in Galicia, Northern Spain and ending at the Cathedral of St James in Santiago.

Please give as much or as little as you can for such a worthy cause.

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving – they will never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, your money is sent directly to the charity. So, it is the most efficient way to donate, saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

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

(Please note that Lyn's JustGiving page us under the name of Linda Hayes - Linda's fundraiser for DAVSS)

'CONNECT FOUR'

Our informal family service

4pm - Saturday 28th September

at Sandhurst Mission Church,
Back Road TN18 5JU



Refreshments throughout.

Come along and connect with:

- family and friends - tea, coffee, cake***
- the Bible - worship - and God!***

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