

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 1st August The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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: 1st August – The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Ephesians 4.1-16, John 6.24-35

- 8 am** **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Revd David Commander
- 10 am** **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd David Commander

THE WEEK AHEAD

Revd David is on holiday from Monday 2nd August, returning on Monday 16th August. Should you require the services of a priest during this time please contact your Churchwardens: Sue Fisher Tel 241 907 and David Collard Tel 241 944

Monday 2 nd	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Tuesday 3 rd	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
Wednesday 4 th	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Shop at Benenden Memorial Hall
	4 pm	Interment of t/l Penny Wilmot conducted by Lyn Hayes
	7.30 pm	Deanery Synod – meeting at Vestry Hall, Marden
Thursday 5 th	10 – 11.30am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
Saturday 7 th	9.30 am – noon	Churchyard Working Party at St George's

Sunday Next: 8th August – The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Ephesians 4.25-5.2, John 6.35, 41-51

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Ephesians 4.1-16

Unity in the Body of Christ

⁴I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.'

⁹(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

John 6.24-35

²⁴So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' ²⁶Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' ²⁸Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' ²⁹Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' ³⁰So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' ³²Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' ³⁴They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

³⁵ Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Churchyard Working Party at St George's - Saturday 7th August 9.30 am - noon.
Please do join us if you are able. Dick Hill

Daily Scripture & Reflections: These - I hope - will resume in September after a summer break. Revd Rosemary will continue to write a reflection for each Sunday and this will stay outside our churches and on our church websites for the week. Revd David

Planned Giving Secretary: Clive Turner is standing down from this role after many years' service, and we need to find someone to take on this task. It is hugely important to our church finances, as it allows us to reclaim the Gift-Aid amongst other things. (It's only a few hours a month.) If you would like to find out more, please speak to Clive (240649) or to Charles Trollope (240821). Thank you.

"Rhythm of Life" community choir: Carla Smith has launched a community choir initiative at St George's Church. The choir meets on Thursdays from 10 to 11:30am. If you wish to contact Carla, her email address is: carlasmith882@gmail.com, mobile number: 07743 430797.

Little Walkhurst Open Gardens for Hospice in the Weald Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th August from 11am to 3pm: Address: Walkhurst Road TN17 5DT. Entry £5 adults; £2 under 16s.

COFFEE SHOP

at the Memorial Hall

every


Wednesday

10 am to 11.30 am

Please come along

For a chat, coffee and refreshments

Shirley Gooseman: A Memorial Service to celebrate Shirley's life will take place on Tuesday 24th August at 2.30pm, at St George's Church - everyone is welcome to attend this service.

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