

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October Harvest

**Collect:** Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Harvest at St George's

#### The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

*Readings: St Nicholas: Hebrews 1.1-4 & 2.5-12; Mark 10.2-16*

*St George's HARVEST: 2 Cor. 9.6-15; Luke 12.16-31*

**8 am**                    **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS**  
led by Revd David Commander

**11 am**                **HARVEST HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**  
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie *followed by harvest lunch in church*

*Hymns: 282      Come, ye thankful people, come*  
                  290      We plough the fields and scatter

                  283      Fill your hearts with joy...

                  286      Praise, O praise, our God and King

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	8 pm	Benenden Home Group Social at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Shop at Benenden Memorial Hall
	8 pm	Home Group Social at Julia & David Collard's
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 11.30 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's
	12.30 pm	Funeral of t/l Fiona Duval at St George's
	5.30 pm	Concert Rehearsal at St George's
	7.30 pm	Benenden Girls' School Concert in St George's

### Sunday Next: 10<sup>th</sup> October - The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

*Readings: Hebrews 4:12-end, Mark 10:17-31*

**8 am**                    **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**  
led by Revd David Commander

**10 am**                **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS**  
led by Revd David Commander & Vicki Young

**Readings: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - HARVEST**

**2 Corinthians 9.6-15**

<sup>6</sup> The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;

his righteousness endures for ever.'

<sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

**Luke 12:16-31**

<sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" <sup>18</sup>Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

**Do Not Worry**

<sup>22</sup> He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest?

<sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. <sup>30</sup>For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

<sup>31</sup>Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

## Harvest Service at St George's, Benenden



**11 am - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.**

**Harvest Donations: This year all food donations will given to 'Nourish', the foodbank charity in Tunbridge Wells.**

**All monetary donations will be given to Water Aid.**

Tracy Claridge and the fete committee would like to thank everyone who attended and volunteered at the Benenden Village Fete, in aid of St George's Church, on 18<sup>th</sup> September. It was a lovely sunny day and a wonderful £14,000 profit was raised: a record achievement! In addition, donations on the gate raised £630 for local charity Sam West Foundation. [www.samwestfoundation.org](http://www.samwestfoundation.org). Thank you all!

Our next St George's Churchyard Working Party will be on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October from 9.30am to 12 noon. Please do join us if you are able. All welcome. Dick Hill

## The Friends of St George's Church

are proud to sponsor a concert by

**The Music Scholars of Benenden School**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**at 7.30pm in St George's Church**

**Tickets – available at the door - £8 for adults. 16s and under free  
(ticket includes refreshments - a glass of wine / soft drink)**

### Home Groups in Benenden and Sandhurst:

**The Home Group at the Mission Church, Sandhurst restarted last week** after a long Covid-enforced break. **However, it is now on a Monday evening.** This term we are going to be looking at some of the Psalms together. There are usually seven of us, but more are always welcome. It's a social time, chatting with a tea/coffee, and then talking about a bit of scripture and how it might apply to us today. **Please come and join us at 7.30pm on Mondays at the Mission Church, Sandhurst.** Revd David

**The Tuesday Home Group will hold a Social Evening on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7 Fuggles Court at 8pm.** to discuss how this group will run in the future. Anyone who is interested in exploring aspects of the Bible is very welcome to come along. David Collard 01580 241944

**A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Alan Picket will take place at St George's on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm. All are invited to attend.** The Cremation will have taken place before then, attended only by the family. Revd Rosemary

**More books from Dick Dengate:** Some of you will no doubt be aware that the Revd Dick Dengate has already had books published. Indeed, you may already own one or more of them. However, he has recently produced two more books – ‘A Sundry Array of Pictures. Thoughts and Songs’ (Reflecting a life of Farming, Family and Faith) and also ‘Around the World with Irene’ (A million shared memories from journeys around the world with my wife). The latter is a collection of photographs. These are available to purchase at a cost of £7.50 each. Dick would be happy to donate £2.50 of this to the church. The remainder will go towards the cost of the initial printing. If you would like to buy a copy of one or both of these please contact Katherine O’Neil – 01580 850159.

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