

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 4th July The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: O Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; 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 4th July – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 2 Corinthians 12.2-10, Mark 6.1-13

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

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| Monday 5 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at St George's and via Zoom |
| | 9.45 am | Prayer Time at Sandhurst Mission Church |
| | 11.30 am | Funeral of t/l Patience Johnson at St George's |
| Tuesday 6 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church and via Zoom |
| | 10 am | Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church
led by Revd David Commander & Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie |
| Wednesday 7 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church and via Zoom |
| Friday 9 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at St George's and via Zoom |
| | 9 am | Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's |
| Saturday 10 th | 2 pm | Friends of Kent Churches AGM at St Nicholas |

Sunday Next: 11th July – The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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| 8 am | HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie |
| 10 am | HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS, SANDHURST
led by Lyn Hayes & Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie |

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2 Corinthians 12.2-10

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— ⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Mark 6.1-13

The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

⁶He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

The Mission of the Twelve

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Prayer Time: At the APCMs I said that we needed "people and prayer" if we are going to grow in our mission and flourish. Here's the prayer time: over just four weeks, on a Monday morning, 9:45, in the Mission Church (Sandhurst) for 45 minutes. Now all that is needed is people to come together to pray and discern God's guidance for us. Is that you? Can you spare that bit of time for the next few weeks? We next meet on Monday 5th and Monday 12th July. Let's find out where and how God wants to lead us. Revd David

Morning Prayer: The pattern each week is as follows: Monday and Friday at St George's; Tuesday and Wednesday at the Mission Church. You are welcome to join me at 8am, either in person or via Zoom, at any of these Morning Prayers. Revd David. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3971102878?pwd=UkpkY2R2Z1lXbmJqNUdzdzB2RVZUUT09> Meeting ID: 397 110 2878 Passcode: 658989

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.

Faculty Petition: Please note that there is a new Faculty Petition on the outer north door of the church; this is for additional handrails to aid entry to the church. Please take time to read the Petition. If you have any questions about it, then please ask one of the named persons.

The Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group meets in St George's on Fridays in term time from 9 to 11 am. Masks must be worn and hands sanitised on entry and departure, but do come along and meet other parents, carers, childminders and grandparents. Share your lockdown experiences over a cup of tea or freshly made coffee. Please message Helen if you are new and would like further details: helenjcommander@gmail.com. Or just come along at any time between 9 and 11. There will be a very warm welcome waiting for you.

Teas at St Nicholas

Saturday 24th July: 2.30 to 5pm



***Subject to the lifting of Covid restrictions,
afternoon teas will be served
in St Nicholas Churchyard
on Saturday 24th July.***

***Come and enjoy the beauty and views of the
churchyard; meet old friends and see where we
plan to have our new Garden of Remembrance.***

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