

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June The First Sunday after Trinity

**Collect:** O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 6<sup>th</sup> June - The First Sunday after Trinity

*Readings: 2 Cor. 4.13-5.1, Mark 3.20-end*

- 8 am**            **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS**  
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
- 10 am**           **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**  
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### THE WEEK AHEAD

***Revd David is on holiday, returning on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June.  
Should you require the services of a priest during this time,  
please contact your Churchwardens:  
David Collard Tel 241 944, Sue Fisher Tel 241 907***

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| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>   | 8 am  | Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church and via Zoom  |
|                           | 10 am | Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church<br>led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> | 8 am  | Morning Prayer at St George's and via Zoom   |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>   | 8 am  | Morning Prayer at St George's and via Zoom   |
|                           | 9 am  | Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's   |

### Sunday Next: 13<sup>th</sup> June – The Second Sunday after Trinity

*Readings: 2 Cor. 5.6-10 & 14-17, Mark 4.26-34*

- 8 am**            **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**  
led by Lyn Hayes & Revd David Commander
- 10 am**           **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS**  
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**2 Cor. 4.13-5.1**

<sup>13</sup> But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—‘I believed, and so I spoke’—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

***Living by Faith***

<sup>16</sup> So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. <sup>5</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

**Mark 3.20-end**

<sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, ‘He has gone out of his mind.’ <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, ‘He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.’ <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, ‘How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. <sup>28</sup> ‘Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin’— <sup>30</sup>for they had said, ‘He has an unclean spirit.’

***The True Kindred of Jesus***

<sup>31</sup> Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, ‘Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.’ <sup>33</sup>And he replied, ‘Who are my mother and my brothers?’ <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.’

**The toddler groups in the Benefice restart the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> June:**

**The Drop in Café & Toddler Group in Sandhurst  
Meets at the Mission Church on Wednesdays in term time.  
Starting 9<sup>th</sup> June. From 9 to 11am.**

**"Cakes & Chaos" in Benenden  
Meets at St George's on Fridays in term time.  
Starting 11<sup>th</sup> June. From 9 to 11am.**

**Please contact Helen for more details.  
Tel: 01580 240658 Email: [helenjcommander@gmail.com](mailto:helenjcommander@gmail.com))**

## NOTICES FROM REVD DAVID

**"Services" Questionnaire:** As we think about coming out of Covid restrictions, this is an opportunity to review our service pattern in the benefice. Please take the time to complete and return a questionnaire (by Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June please) to Revd David. The Questionnaire can be found at St George's and at St Nicholas. Returns can be anonymous if you prefer. They can be posted or put through the door at the Rectory, scanned and emailed or left at the back of any of our churches. Thank you.

**Refreshments at St George's:** We hope to get back to having refreshments and social time together after the 10 o'clock Sunday service. Things will be a little different to begin with to comply with the guidelines. If you wish to stay for tea/coffee, can you please sit at one of the tables at the back of church - in maximum groups of 6 please. Groups should not mingle. You will be served with your drinks rather than collecting them from a table outside the kitchen. Face coverings can be removed once drinks are served. Rules, rules, rules..... but at least it is another step to the things we enjoy, so please go with it!

**Notification of Advice for application for a path across churchyard and Glebe following existing right of way:** There is a public notice on the north door of the church regarding a Faculty Petition for this pathway. Please take time to read it and, if you have any questions, please address them to David Collard, Julia Collard or myself. Thank you.

### Prayers:

#### **Forthcoming funerals at St George's**

**Gillian South:** A short service followed by committal and interment of t/l Gill South will take place at St George's on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Please hold Anthony and the family in your prayers. (Gill and Anthony used to live at the Livery Stables.)

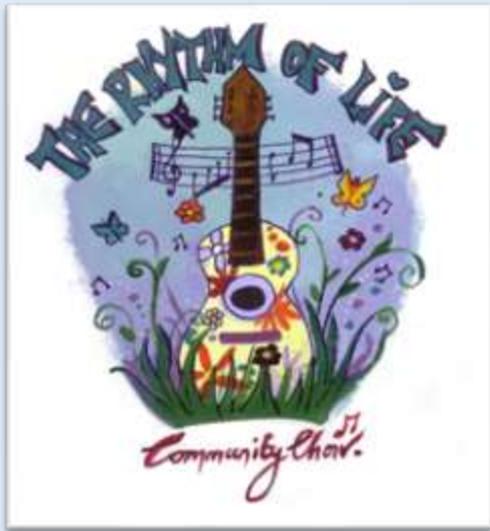
**John Cyster** passed away on the 19<sup>th</sup> May, at home. His funeral will take place at St George's on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Please hold Anne in your prayers, and also William, Edward, Sarah and Richard.

**Cakes and Chaos Toddler Group in St Georges Church are restarting at 9am on Friday June 11<sup>th</sup>.** 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. Cakes and snacks will have to wait a bit longer as will singing but it will be good to be back together. Please message Helen if you are new and would like further details. Or just come along at any time between 9-11. There will be a very warm welcome waiting for you.

### **St George's Church Choir**

Dates for the diary:

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Choir practice in church 7-8pm**  
for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Richard Fisher



# The Rhythm of Life Choir **BENENDEN**

Thursday mornings  
10-11:30am

at St George's Church  
Starting 24<sup>th</sup> June!

**Anybody, Any ability, ALL WELCOME!**

£45 per term

To book your place now call

Carla on 07743430797

Annual RBD Memorial Recitals in Sandhurst for Hospice in the Weald

Saturday July 31st at 3pm

The International pianist Daniel Grimwood has a lovely, original, programme planned for this year's garden party in Sandhurst. Tickets will only be sold in advance. Please contact Gillian Davis for more information or to book: Tel 01580-850384

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