

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

**Collect:** O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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: 10<sup>th</sup> October - The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

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

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| <b>8 am</b>  | <b>HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S</b><br>led by Revd David Commander               |
| <b>10 am</b> | <b>HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS</b><br>led by Revd David Commander & Vicki Young |

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

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| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>    | 8 am              | Morning Prayer at St George's  |
|                            | 7 pm              | Weald Deanery Roadshow Meeting on the Finances of the Diocese at Vestry Hall, High Street, Marden TN12 9DR |
|                            | 7.30 pm           | Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church   |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>   | 8 am              | Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church   |
|                            | 10 am             | Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church<br>led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie                              |
| Wednesday 13 <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 14 <sup>th</sup>  | 10 – 11.30 am     | Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's  |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>    | 8 am              | Morning Prayer at St George's  |
|                            | 9 – 11am          | Cakes & Chaos at St George's   |
|                            | 3 pm              | Worship Group meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church (tbc)  |
| Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30 am – 12 noon | St George's Churchyard Working Party   |

### **Sunday Next: 17<sup>th</sup> October - The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**

*Readings: Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45*

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| <b>8 am</b>  | <b>HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS</b><br>led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie   |
| <b>10 am</b> | <b>SUNG EUCHARIST ST GEORGE'S</b><br>led by Revd Pete Deaves (Weald Deanery 'pulpit swap' DJC at Frittenden)        |
| <b>3 pm</b>  | <b>Interment of t/l Robert Hookham &amp; t/l Mark Hookham at St George's</b><br>conducted by Revd Christopher Smith |

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### **Hebrews 4:12-end**

<sup>12</sup> Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

### **Jesus the Great High Priest**

<sup>14</sup> Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### **Mark 10:17-31**

#### **The Rich Man**

<sup>17</sup> As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' <sup>20</sup>He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

<sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

**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!

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

## Home Groups in Benenden and Sandhurst:

**The Home Group at the Mission Church, Sandhurst has restarted** 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 join us at 7.30pm on Mondays at the Mission Church, Sandhurst.** Revd David

**The Tuesday Home Group meets at 7 Fuggles Court, Benenden at 8pm.** For more information, please contact 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.

**The Filling Station**  
next meets on  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October**  
**at Benenden Primary School**  
**7pm for a 7:30pm start.**  
**ALL WELCOME**

The Filling Station meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month.  
More information from Wes & Faye Hinsley  
Tel 01580 715483 Email: [centralweald@thefillingstation.org.uk](mailto:centralweald@thefillingstation.org.uk)

**All Souls' Service at St George's**  
**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**  
**at 7.30pm**

led by Revd David & Revd Rosemary

If you would like to request a name to be read out,  
please email [benendenchurch@gmail.com](mailto:benendenchurch@gmail.com)  
or enter your request on the form at the back of church

**Diocesan Roadshow Meeting on the Finances of the Diocese  
7pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

**at Vestry Hall, High Street, Marden, TN12 9DR**

**All ministers & members of the congregation are welcome  
and encouraged to attend.**

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