

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July – The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

**Collect:** Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 11<sup>th</sup> July – The Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

*Readings: Ephesians 1.3-14, Mark 6.14-29*

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| <b>8 am</b>  | <b>HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S</b><br>led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie             |
| 9.30 am      | Colourstrings Concert at St George's (see note below)                               |
| <b>10 am</b> | <b>HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS</b><br>led by Lyn Hayes & Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie |

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

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| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>    | 8 am    | Morning Prayer at St George's and via Zoom  |
|                            | 9.45 am | Prayer Time at Sandhurst Mission Church   |
| Tuesday 13 <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 Rosemary Kobus van Wengen |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> | 8 am    | Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church and via Zoom                             |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>    | 8 am    | Morning Prayer at St George's and via Zoom  |
|                            | 9 am    | Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's  |
|                            | 5.30 pm | Wedding Rehearsal   |
| Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>  | 1.30 pm | Wedding of Rupert Munro-Faure and Becky Myles                                       |

### **Sunday Next: 18<sup>th</sup> July – The Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

*Readings: Ephesians 2.11-end, Mark 6.30-34 & 53-end*

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| <b>8 am</b>  | <b>HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS</b><br>led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen                        |
| <b>10 am</b> | <b>HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S</b><br>led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen & Revd David Commander |

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***Ephesians 1.3-14***

***Spiritual Blessings in Christ***

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth<sup>n</sup>, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

***Mark 6.14-29***

***The Death of John the Baptist***

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' <sup>15</sup>But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

<sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

**Revd Ylva's priesting service took place last Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**, at Holy Trinity, Folkestone. Please hold Ylva in your prayers as she responds to God's calling in this ministry. Please hold her husband, Liam, and their family in your prayers too. We look forward to Ylva presiding and her future ministry. *Photos of the day can be viewed via a link on our St George's and St Nicholas church websites and Facebook pages.*

**Pat Longley's daughter Debbie** would like to thank all who were involved in making Pat's funeral at St Nicholas such an uplifting occasion: the organist and choir, the clergy, the bell ringers, the flower arrangers, the caterers, and all who came to share in the service. Thank you all!

**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 two weeks? We last meet on 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](mailto:helenjcommander@gmail.com). Or just come along at any time between 9 and 11. There will be a very warm welcome waiting for you.

**"Rhythm of Life" community choir:** Carla Smith has decided - subject to the easing of Covid restriction on the 19th July - to go ahead with the launch of the community choir initiative at St George's Church on Thursday 22nd July. (It will run from 10-11:30am.) Carla will be coming to the 10 o'clock services (at St Nicholas on the 11th July and St George's on the 18th July) to tell us more about this initiative. If you are interested, and wish to contact to her, her email address is: [carlasmith882@gmail.com](mailto:carlasmith882@gmail.com), her mobile number is: 07743 430797.

**"Colourstrings"** - will be holding their annual end-of-year "concert" in St George's Church today, Sunday 11th July. The concert, given by young children to their parents, will just involve the playing of instruments this year, and the adults will be observing the Covid restrictions of social distancing and face coverings. Singing, which would normally take place, will be held outdoors once the concert in church has finished.

**Weddings:** Another step towards normality.... Weddings resume at St George's next Saturday, 17th July! (Thank goodness!) There will still be some restrictions, but at least couples can go ahead with their incredibly special day. Our first wedding is of Rupert Munro-Faure and Becky Myles; please hold them in your prayers. Weddings then continue through July, August and September.

## **Teas at St Nicholas**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July: 2.30 to 5pm**



***Subject to the lifting of Covid restrictions,  
afternoon teas will be served***

**in St Nicholas Churchyard on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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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