

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

**Collect:** O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

*Readings: 2 Cor. 8.7-end, Mark 5.21-end*

- 8 am**            **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**  
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
- 10 am**           **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS, SANDHURST**  
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie, Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen  
& Revd David Commander

### THE WEEK AHEAD

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| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>    | 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 29 <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 David Commander                      |
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> | 8 am              | Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church and via Zoom  |
|                            | 2 pm              | Funeral of t/l Peter "John" Cyster at St George's  |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>     | 8 am              | Morning Prayer at St George's and via Zoom   |
|                            | 9 am              | Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's   |
| Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | 9.30 am - 12 noon | Churchyard Working Party at St George's  |
|                            | 12 noon           | Revd Ylva's Ordination Service at Holy Trinity,<br>Folkestone: <b>Zoom link detailed below</b> |

### Sunday Next: 4<sup>th</sup> July – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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

- 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**  
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**Readings: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

**2 Cor. 8.7-end**

<sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

<sup>8</sup> I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— <sup>11</sup>now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup>I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup>your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup>As it is written, ‘The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.’

**Commendation of Titus**

<sup>16</sup> But thanks be to God who put in the heart of Titus the same eagerness for you that I myself have. <sup>17</sup>For he not only accepted our appeal, but since he is more eager than ever, he is going to you of his own accord. <sup>18</sup>With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his proclaiming of the good news; <sup>19</sup>and not only that, but he has also been appointed by the churches to travel with us while we are administering this generous undertaking for the glory of the Lord himself and to show our goodwill. <sup>20</sup>We intend that no one should blame us about this generous gift that we are administering, <sup>21</sup>for we intend to do what is right not only in the Lord’s sight but also in the sight of others. <sup>22</sup>And with them we are sending our brother whom we have often tested and found eager in many matters, but who is now more eager than ever because of his great confidence in you. <sup>23</sup>As for Titus, he is my partner and co-worker in your service; as for our brothers, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ. <sup>24</sup>Therefore, openly before the churches, show them the proof of your love and of our reason for boasting about you.

**Mark 5.21-end**

**A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed**

<sup>21</sup> When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, ‘My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.’ <sup>24</sup>So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, ‘If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.’ <sup>29</sup>Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, ‘Who touched my clothes?’ <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, ‘You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, “Who touched me?”’ <sup>32</sup>He looked all round to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.’

<sup>35</sup> While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, ‘Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?’ <sup>36</sup>But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, ‘Do not fear, only believe.’ <sup>37</sup>He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>When he had entered, he said to them, ‘Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.’ <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and said to her, ‘Talitha cum’, which means, ‘Little girl, get up!’ <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup>He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

**Prayers:**

t/I **John Cyster's funeral** takes place at St George's next Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June. Please hold Anne in your prayers; and also William, Edward, Sarah and Richard.

**Next Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, there is a Churchyard Working Party at St George's from 9.30 am to 12 noon.** Do please join us if you are able. Dick Hill

**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 28<sup>th</sup> June and 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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

**Revd Ylva's ordination service is to take place next Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, at 12 noon at Holy Trinity Church in Folkestone.** Spaces are, unfortunately, restricted to 14 guests per ordinand - including Ylva's family. The service is however being streamed live on Zoom. Please join Ylva, via Zoom, for her priesting service if you are able. The link for the service is:

<https://zoom.us/j/91887117748>

**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.

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