

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 30th May Trinity Sunday

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 Next: 30th May – Trinity Sunday

Readings: Romans 8.12-17, John 3.1-17

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| 8 am | HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS
led by Revd David Commander |
| 10 am | HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S
led by Revd David Commander |
| 12 noon | Interment of t/l Christopher Lowe at St George's |

THE WEEK AHEAD

***Revd David will be on holiday from this afternoon, Sunday 30th May,
returning on Tuesday 8th 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

Tuesday 1st 10 am Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

Saturday 5th 9.30 am – 12 noon St George's Churchyard Working Party

Sunday 6th June – The First Sunday after Trinity

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

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Romans 8.12-17

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

John 3.1-17

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

³Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' ⁹Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Prayers:

Forthcoming funerals at St George's

t/l **Christopher Lowe's** interment is today, Sunday 30th May, at 12 noon. Please pray for Christopher and his family and friends.

Gillian South: A short service followed by committal and interment of t/l Gill South will take place at St George's on Saturday 19th 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 19th May, at home. His funeral will take place at St George's on Wednesday 30th June. Please hold Anne in your prayers, and also William, Edward, Sarah and Richard.

NOTICES FROM REVD DAVID

Churchyard Working Churchyard Working Party – Saturday 5th June: Next Saturday there will be a working party in the churchyard from 9:30am until midday. If you can spare some time and provide a pair of helping hands, I know Dick and the team will be delighted to see you.

"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 6th 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!

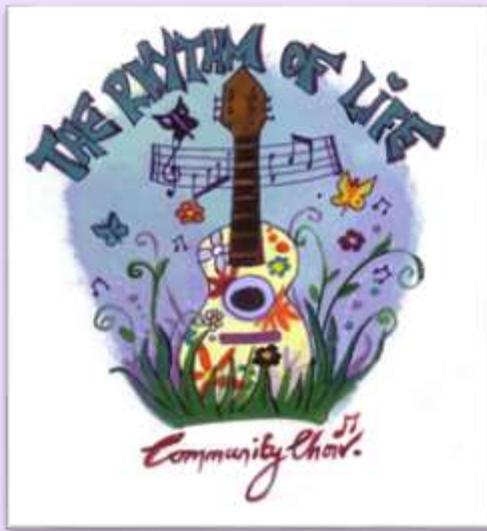
Notification of Advice for application for a path across churchyard and Glebe following existing right of way: There is a public notice on the north door of the church regarding a Faculty Petition for this pathway. Please take time to read it and, if you have any questions, please address them to David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

The toddler groups in the Benefice restart the week commencing 7th June:

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

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

***Please contact Helen for more details.
Tel: 01580 240658 Email: helenjcommander@gmail.com***



The Rhythm of Life Choir **BENENDEN**

Thursday mornings
10-11:30am

at **St George's Church**

Starting 24th June!

Anybody, Any ability, ALL WELCOME!

£45 per term

To book your place now call

Carla on 07743430797

Date for your Diary:

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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