

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Our Worship Sunday 27th 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.

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION
led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am MORNING WORSHIP
led by Rickie Bishop

Bible Readings:
Romans 8.12-17
John 3.1-17

HYMNS	
276	Holy Holy Holy
628	Father of heaven
489	From heaven you came
263	Spirit of the living God
Anthem	- God so loved the world - Stainer
630	Father Lord of all creation

1.00 pm BAPTISM OF EMILY SETON AT ST GEORGE'S

5.00 pm PRAISE SERVICE AT SANDHURST MISSION CHURCH led by Vicki Young
Readings: Ezekiel 1.4-10, 22-28a, Mark 1.1-13. Psalm 104.1-10.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 28 th		Bank Holiday
Tuesday 29 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	7.00 pm	St George's PCC meeting & Communion No Tuesday Home Group this week
Wednesday 30 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 31 st	11.00 am	Funeral of Joan Worthington at St George's
Friday 1 st	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	6.45 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Saturday 2 nd	9.30 am to noon	Churchyard Working Party at St George's
	2.00 pm	Marriage Blessing at St George's
	3.30 pm	Quarter Peal attempt

Sunday Next: 3rd June – First Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Communion led by Revd Craig Huxley
10.00 am All Age Communion led by Revd Craig Huxley
4.00 pm Choir Practice at St George's
5.00 pm Choral Evensong led by Richard Fisher

Readings: Sunday 27th May

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.

Home Groups:

The Benenden Tuesday Home Group meets at 8pm. *Please note there will be no Home Group on Tuesday 29th May due to the PCC Meeting that evening.*

The Wednesday Home Group meets at 7.30pm at Sandhurst Mission Church.

On Saturday 2nd June from 9.30am to 12 noon there is a Churchyard Working Party at St George's. All who are able please join us. DH

There is an open Deanery Synod meeting on Wednesday 6th June, starting at 7:30pm, at St Laurence's Church Hawkhurst. At this there will be a presentation on an initiative to support the work of Fegan's within the Weald Deanery as we consider the care and support of children and young people in our primary and secondary schools. (There will be more information on this later.) Senior members of the Diocesan staff will also be attending the meeting for a presentation and discussion of Diocesan, Deanery and Parish finances. Anyone with an interest in this is encouraged to attend.

Prayers: Joan Worthington has sadly died. Joan was a member of St George's Church for 48 years. Her funeral will be at 11am on Thursday 31st May. Please pray for Joan and her family and friends at this time.

Confirmation: Are you interested in being Confirmed? Do you want to know what Confirmation is about? Would you like to take part fully in the Eucharist and receive Communion? If so, please speak to Revd David. Also put this advance date in your diary now: Sunday 23rd September 2018. We may have a few people interested in being Confirmed this year, so there will also be safety in numbers! And it doesn't matter what your age is. Just let me know if you are interested. Revd David.

20-20 Project: A Faculty has been applied for regarding the reordering of the back of the church and the work previously undertaken by Archdeacon's Licence. A public notice has gone on display inside and outside of the Church for 28 days, as required. You are encouraged to read the Notice.

**Contemporary Worship
Praise Service
Tonight
- Sunday 27th May
5pm at Sandhurst
Mission Church**



**Cakes & Chaos
meets every Friday
in term time
from 9 to 11 am
in St George's Church
All welcome!**

St George's Church has a new website: www.benendenchurch.org

Follow us on Facebook:  [@StGeorgesBenenden](https://www.facebook.com/StGeorgesBenenden)

10th Annual Richard Beattie Davis Sandhurst Musical Events for Hospice in the Weald

SATURDAY JULY 28th at 3pm. Oliver Davies (pf) and Adrian Bradbury (cello) will be performing at this year's garden party event. The interesting programme will consist of Cui, Glazunov, Piatti and others .
Tickets by donation (minimum £17)

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 12th at 3pm. Alexander Karpeyev will be playing Medtner, Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov and other repertoire from his homeland.
Tickets by donation (minimum £15)

OCTOBER date to be announced at 3pm. Daniel Grimwood will be presenting another interesting programme. (NB Daniel will also be appearing at the Etchingam Festival on July 5th)
Tickets by donation (minimum £15)

**All events take place in a private home in Sandhurst with a fine Steinway grand piano.
Reservations in advance only from Gillian Davis 01580 850384**

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All items for the weekly notices should be sent to benendenchurch@gmail.com by 10am the preceding Wednesday please.