

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Our Worship Sunday 22nd July Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 & BAPTISM
led by Revd David Commander
*We welcome Annabelle and her family
and friends to St George's this morning*

Bible Readings:
Ephesians 2.11-22
Mark 6.3-34 & 53-56

HYMNS	
664	How sweet the name
679	In Christ there is no east nor west
799	The Lord's my shepherd
291	Christ is made the sure foundation

4.00 pm MESSY CHURCH / ALPHA BBQ & PRAISE AT THE RECTORY
led by Revd David Commander

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 23 rd	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 24 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander <i>No Tuesday Home Group this week</i>
Wednesday 25 th	7.30 pm	Worship Groups & MLT meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall <i>No Wednesday Home Group (summer break until 5th Sept)</i>
Friday 27 th	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St George's
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	2.30 – 5.40 pm	Area Dean & Lay Chair visit to St George's
	6.45 pm	Choir Practice at St George's

Sunday Next: 29th July – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Benefice Holy Communion at St Nicholas Sandhurst
led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am Benefice All Age Communion at St George's
led by Revd David Commander

Readings: Sunday 22nd July

Ephesians 2.11-end

One in Christ

¹¹ So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth,* called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body* through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.* ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ^{18f}or through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.* ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually* into a dwelling-place for God.

Mark 6.30-34, 53-end

Feeding the Five Thousand

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Healing the Sick in Gennesaret

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Home Groups:

The Tuesday Home Group meets in Benenden at 8pm but **there will be no Home Group on Tuesday 24th July** due to the Worship & Leadership meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church that evening. **The Home Group on 31st July will be at Tim and Diane Bentley's.** From 7th August the group meets at its usual venue - David and Julia Collard's.

The Wednesday Home Group is taking a break over the summer period. **The group next meets on Wednesday 5th September, at 7.30pm at Sandhurst Mission Church.**

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.



T O D A Y
SUNDAY 22ND JULY

we meet
at the Rectory
from 4 to 6pm.

**Do join us for a summer BBQ and
come celebrate with our
Messy Church family.
All Welcome!**

**10th Annual Richard Beattie Davis Sandhurst Musical Event
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 feature various Russian and other composers.
Reservations in advance only (minimum donation £17) from Gillian Davis 01580-850384

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- HOUSEKEEPER (Monday and Friday, 9am – 1pm)
- ADMIN ASSISTANT (Wednesday 9am – 3.30pm plus annual leave cover)

Excellent rates of pay offered. Opportunities to pick up extra kitchen duties may be available.

For more information, please phone or email the General Manager at:

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