

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Our Worship Sunday 2nd September Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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

Bible Readings:

James 1.17-27
Mark 7.1-8, 14-15 & 21-23

10.00 am **ALL AGE COMMUNION & BAPTISM
OF WILFRED COX**
led by Revd David Commander

We welcome Wilfred and his family and friends to St George's this morning

HYMNS	
357	All people who on earth do dwell
667	I danced in the morning
533ii	All things bright and beautiful (Omit v.4)
Comm hymn - 453	Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour
Comm hymn - 483	We are marching
584	All my hope on God is founded

12 noon Standing Committee meeting at St George's

4.00 pm Choir Practice

5.00 pm **CHORAL EVENSONG** led by David Harmsworth
Readings: Exodus 12.21-27, Matthew 4.23-5.20. Psalm 119.1-16

HYMNS & MUSIC	
Canticles	Dyson in F
Responses	Ayleward
Anthem	Evening hymn - Balfour Gardiner
798	The Lord my pasture
24	The day thou gavest
12	Before the ending of the day

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 3 rd	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	7.30 pm	Learning & Sharing the Faith meeting at the Rectory
Tuesday 4 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	2.00 pm	Funeral: t/l John Busby, conducted by Rev Bob Bewtree
Wednesday 5 th	8.00 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	1.00 pm	Men's Lunch at Benenden Memorial Hall

	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 6 th	9.30 am	'Tiddlers' music group at St George's
	2.00 pm	Cynthia Gee Memorial Service at St George's
Friday 7 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's
	12.15 pm	BPS Prayer meeting
	3.00 pm	BPS Assembly
	6.45 pm	Choir Practice

Sunday Next: 9th September – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am	1662 BCP Holy Communion led by Revd David Commander
10.00 am	Morning Worship led by David Harmsworth (“Molly Dancers” outside St. George's after the 10 o'clock service)
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander

Readings: Sunday 2nd September

James 1.17-end

¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.* ¹⁸In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Hearing and Doing the Word

¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved:* let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves* in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶ If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Mark 7.1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

The Tradition of the Elders

⁷Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands,* thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it;* and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.~) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live* according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' ⁶He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;

⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand:

¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.* ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

Home Groups:

The Tuesday Home Group meets in Benenden. Our Tuesday Home Group continues to explore the Acts of the Apostles looking at the history, where the stories took place and how and why people's lives were changed and how the early church developed, with many parallels between them and our lives today! All are welcome. There is no commitment to come every week. Give Home Group a try. We meet at David and Julia Collard's at 8pm.

The Wednesday Home Group meets at 7.30pm at Sandhurst Mission Church. The Wednesday Home Group is also exploring the Acts of the Apostles.

The Memorial Service for Cynthia Gee is at 2pm on Thursday 6th September at St George's Church. The service is being led by Revd Craig Huxley. The Girls' School will be attending; anyone who wishes to attend is welcome. There will be refreshments at Benenden Girls' School after the service.

Deanery Synod Meeting: 7.30pm on Thursday 13th September at St Mary's Church, Frittenden. After Synod business **there will be an Open Meeting at 8.00pm, to which anyone is invited to attend.** The Guest Speaker will be Revd Steve Coneys, Diocesan Mission & Growth Adviser.

Friends of Kent Churches Bike Ride Saturday 8th September 10am-6pm. On Saturday 8th September we have our very popular sponsored Ride and Stride day. It starts at 10 am and you can ride a bicycle or walk between churches. Tenterden has 5 churches and connects with St Michael's along the old railway line, making a good total for sponsoring. The intrepid could then walk or ride along the A28 to High Halden. Please wear High-Viz vests. Cycling down on Romney Marsh is always very popular and all the Georgian churches are open. There is information in the plastic folder on the table under the font and also sponsorship forms. **Geoff Davison is seeking sponsors again this year and his sponsorship form will be at the back of church.**

St George's Church Harvest Lunch

Sunday 7 October, Benenden Village Hall,
12.30-3pm

The Harvest Lunch will follow the Harvest Festival Service which will start at 11am.

The menu includes smoked salmon terrine, chicken & gammon salad with new potatoes (vegetarian option available), lemon tart with fresh berries & cream. Tea, coffee & mints.

Soft drinks are included. Wine & beer will be available to buy.

Always a popular occasion, so buy your tickets early (adults £7, under 12s £3.50) from:

Benenden's Community Shop, in Church or from
Lesley Attwood 243318 lesley.attwood@sky.com

Everyone Welcome

Sandhurst Mini Market & Grand Draw:
Saturday 17th November from 10am at Sandhurst Mission Church.
 This is St Nicholas' main fund raising event. Please support it. Grand Draw
 Tickets will be on sale in September.


Sandhurst Musical events for Hospice in the Weald: On Wednesday 12th September, pianist Alexander Karpeyev will be performing a programme of Russian music, to include Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov and Rimsky Korsakov, in Sandhurst for Hospice in the Weald. Reservations in advance only (minimum donation £15) from Gillian Davis 01580 850384.

Prayers:

Cyril Cooling passed away on the 18th August, leaving this world peacefully at 7am having woken for the morning and then quietly fallen asleep again. The funeral service will take place on Monday 24th September at 2pm at Inverness Crematorium. Please hold David, Trevor, Richard and Vanessa in your prayers.

Martin Oldaker passed away on the 19th August. His funeral will take place at St. George's on Wednesday 26th September starting at 2pm, followed by a burial in the churchyard. Please hold Tessa in your prayers; Martin's death was very unexpected.

Confirmation Service: The Deanery Confirmation Service takes place at 3pm on Sunday 23rd September at St. Mary's Frittenden. We have three candidates from the Benefice: Deborah Jenkins and Kirsten Lindsay from Benenden and Vicki Young from Sandhurst. If you would like to come to the service to support them you would be very welcome. Please hold Deborah, Kirsten and Vicki in your prayers.

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