

# The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

## Our Worship Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

**Collect:** God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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**      **1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION**  
led by Revd David Commander

**10.00 am**    **MORNING WORSHIP**  
led by David Harmsworth

**Bible Readings:**  
James 2.1-10 & 14-17  
Mark 7.24-37

HYMNS	
748	O Jesus I have promised
135	Take up thy cross
2	Christ whose glory
763	Praise to the holiest

**5.00 pm**      **EVENING PRAYER AT SANDHURST MISSION CHURCH**  
led by Revd David Commander  
Psalm 119.41-56. Readings: Exodus 14.5-end, Matthew 6.1-18

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	BPS Assembly
	7.30 pm	Benenden Worship Group meeting
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 pm	FoSG meeting at Crit Hall Cottage
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	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
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St George's
	9.30 – 11.30 am	BPS music lessons at St George's
	7.30 pm	Deanery Synod meeting at St Mary's, Frittenden
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's
	12.30 pm	Churchwardens' meeting at the Mission Church
	3.00 pm	BPS Assembly
	5.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	6.45 pm	Choir Practice
	12.00 – 4.00 pm	BPS Family Cricket Day
	2.30 pm	Wedding of Anna Cruse and Jonathan Marsh

**Sunday Next: 16<sup>th</sup> September – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**8.00 am** Holy Communion led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

**10.00 am** Sung Eucharist led by Revd David Commander

**4.00 pm** Messy Church at St George's led by Revd Iori Price

**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.

**Deanery Synod Meeting: 7.30pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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](mailto:lesley.attwood@sky.com)

**Everyone Welcome**

**Prayers:**

Cyril Cooling passed away on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm at Inverness Crematorium. Please hold David, Trevor, Richard and Vanessa in your prayers.

Martin Oldaker passed away on the 19<sup>th</sup> August. His funeral will take place at St George's on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Commemoration Services: St George's: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm & St Nicholas: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 10am.** For each Parish we will be reading out the names of those who have departed over the last three years. Should you wish the names of any additional loved ones to be read out please email [benendenchurch@gmail.com](mailto:benendenchurch@gmail.com) or telephone the Benefice Office on 01580 850 849 at any time (answerphone available).

**Sandhurst Mini Market & Grand Draw:  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Event for Hospice in the Weald - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**St George's Church has a new website: [www.benendenchurch.org](http://www.benendenchurch.org)**

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

## Readings: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September

### **James 2.1-10 & 14-17**

#### **Warning against Partiality**

<sup>2</sup>My brothers and sisters,\* do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet',\* <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters.\* Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup> You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [<sup>11</sup>For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery', also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.]

#### **Faith without Works Is Dead**

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters,\* if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

### **Mark 7.24-end**

#### **The Syrophenician Woman's Faith**

<sup>24</sup> From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre.\* He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.

<sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, 'Sir,\* even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

#### **Jesus Cures a Deaf Man**

<sup>31</sup> Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus\* ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

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