

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Our Worship Sunday 23rd September Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

Bible Readings:

James 3.13-4.3 & 7-8a

Mark 9. 30-37

HYMNS	
766	Praise my soul
383	Lord thy word abideth
629i	Father hear the prayer
631i	Fight the good fight

12.30 pm Baptism of Emily Earland

3.00 pm Deanery Confirmation Service at St Mary's Frittenden

No Praise Service at Sandhurst Mission Church tonight

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 24 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	BPS Assembly
	7.30 pm	Benenden PCC meeting
Tuesday 25 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
Wednesday 26 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
	2.00 pm	Funeral of Martin Oldaker at St George's
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Thursday 27 th	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing
	9.30 – 11.30 am	BPS music lessons at St George's
	Friday 28 th	8.00 am Morning Prayer
Friday 28 th	9.00 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's
	3.00 pm	BPS Assembly
	6.45 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 29 th	12 noon	Benenden Newcomers' Lunch at St George's

Sunday Next: 30th September – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: James 5.13-20; Mark 9.38-50

8.00 am Benefice Holy Communion at St George's led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am Morning Worship led by Jacqueline Hewitt & Karen Booth-Clibborn

Readings: Sunday 23rd September

James 3.13-4.3 Two Kinds of Wisdom

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵ Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Friendship with the World

⁴ Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ² You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

James 4.7-8a

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Mark 9. 30-37 Jesus Again Foretells His Death and Resurrection

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' ³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Who Is the Greatest?

³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

**Confirmation Service: The Deanery Confirmation Service is at 3pm
TODAY**

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.

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.

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.

St George's Churchyard Working Party: 9.30am to noon Saturday 6th October: Please do come along and join us if you are able. DH

Commemoration Services: St George's: Friday 2nd November at 7.30pm & St Nicholas: Sunday 4th 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 or telephone the Benefice Office on 01580 850 849 at any time (answerphone available).

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

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

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL

will be celebrated at
**St George's Church,
Benenden**

on 7th October at 11am

Donations of either perishable or
non-perishable goods will be taken
to the charities
'Catching Lives' and 'Nourish'



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

*The Friends of St George's Church
are proud to present*



**Friday 12 October 2018
at 7.30pm
in St George's Church**

Tickets: **£5** for adults—16 and under **Free**
(Includes refreshments and a glass of wine/soft drink)

*Tickets available: at the **Door**;
in **Church** after services;
from **Benenden's Community Shop**;
or from **Jo Clube** 01580 242956
jo.clube@aviva.com*

The School of Theology

**Wednesdays in September, October and
November, starting on 26th September,
7:30-9:30pm at St Mary's Church,
Goudhurst**

In partnership with St Paul's Theological
Centre in London, we are hosting a second
term of their School of Theology - and
introductory theology course. Listen to a high
quality filmed talk on the big screen followed
by discussion afterwards. The course is aimed
at anyone wanting to go deeper into their faith.

This term we will be following the *Life
Track* which looks at ethics and living as a
Christian, including topics such as 'Suffering
and evil', 'Has science disproved God?' and
'Wealth & Poverty'. There are 8 sessions, all
of them on Wednesday evenings. The full
course, to include handouts and home made
soup to start, costs £20. Find out more and
book a place

at <http://www.gkchurch.org.uk/?c=school-of-theology-546>