

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Our Worship – 29th September

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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 BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S
led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am MATINS AT ST GEORGE'S
led by Richard Fisher

Bible Readings:
1 Timothy 6.6-19,
Luke 16.19-end

Hymns & Music	
742ii	O for a thousand tongues to sing
692	Jesus, good above all other
713	Lord of all hopefulness
765	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Psalm	91.1-6 & 14-end (or 91.11-end)
Te Deum	tbc
Benedicite	Walford Davies (chant)
Jubilate	Stanford

The Week Ahead

Monday 30 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	11.00 am	Funeral of t/l Barbara Barham
	7.30 pm	Benenden Worship Group
Tuesday 1 st	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	4- 6.00 pm	'Blend' – Youth Group for 11-15 year olds at Sandhurst Mission Church
Wednesday 2 nd	8.00 pm	Home Group at Julia & David Collard's
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Coffee Shop at the Memorial Hall
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Friday 4 th	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9-11 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's
	2.45 pm	BPS Harvest Service at St George's
	6.45 pm	Choir Practice
	8.00 pm	Bell Ringing Practice

Saturday 5th 9.30 am – noon Churchyard working party at St George's
9.15 am – 1.00 pm "Mission.... And Growth in our Churches" at Sandhurst
Mission Church

Sunday Next: 6th October – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 2 Timothy 1.1-14, Luke 17.5-10

8.00 am Holy Communion

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

11.00 am Harvest Festival Communion led by Revd David Commander

followed by **Harvest Lunch at the Village Hall**

5.00 pm Evening Prayer at St George's

led by Revd David Commander

Readings: Sunday 29th September

1 Timothy 6.6-19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

The Good Fight of Faith

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

THIS SUNDAY - 29th September - The 5th Sunday of the Month

Benefice Services

8am Benefice Communion at St George's

10am Matins Service at St George's 10am Harvest Service at St Nicholas

Home Groups: The Tuesday Home Group meets at 8pm in Benenden, usually at Julia and David Collard's. The Wednesday Home Group meets at 7.30pm at the Mission Church. All are welcome to both groups..

Prayers: The funeral of Barbara Barnham will take place at St George's at 11am on Monday 30th September. Please hold the family and Barbara's close friends in your prayers.

Benenden Primary School Harvest Service: The whole Primary School will be walking over to St George's for a Harvest service starting at 2:45pm on Friday 4th October. They are being invited to bring produce for our harvest collection that will then be sent off to "Catching Lives" and "Nourish" after the Harvest Festival service on Sunday 6th October. It would be lovely if the church family could support the school family and come along to the service on Friday. Revd David

There is a Churchyard Working Party on Saturday 5th October from 9.30am to noon at St George's. Please do join us if you are able. DH

St George's Cleaning Rota: Plea for helpers! More volunteers are needed to join the cleaning rota at St George's. Our numbers are now very low; and from January may be down to just two. If you are able to help, whether on a permanent, temporary or occasional basis, please do speak to Julia Collard or Jacqueline Hewitt.

Mission...

And Growth of our churches.

If you are interested in these..... about reaching out and helping those in our communities, and trying to do something about turning around the decline in church numbersthen please come along to an event for both parishes at the Mission Church on Saturday 5th October. The session is being facilitated by Revd Steve Coneys (Diocesan Advisor on Mission and Growth). We will gather at 9:15am for a 9:30 start, and conclude by 1pm. We will explore The Word together to see how we make that relevant to serving God in this place, at this time. For those who wish to stay, a simple lunch of soup and rolls will be provided at the end. (I know England are playing Argentina at that time, but you can always record it; our mission and growth are more important than watching one rugby match live!)

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If you would like to know more, give me a call or we can have a chat over coffee.
Revd David.

***BLEND – Youth Group for all 11 to 15 year olds
Tuesdays from 4 to 6pm
at Sandhurst Mission Church, Back Road TN18 5JU***

***The Music Scholars of Benenden School
Concert at St George's
Friday 11th October at 7.30pm
Tickets - £8 (for adults, under 16s free) available at the door, from
Benenden's Community Shop or from
Jo Clube Tel 242956 email: jo.clube@aviva.com***

St George's Harvest Festival Service and Lunch

The **Harvest Festival** service this year will be held at 11am on Sunday 6th October, followed by our **Harvest Lunch** in the Village Hall from 12.30 to 3pm.

This year's lunch menu will be smoked salmon terrine, chicken and gammon salad with new potatoes (vegetarian option available), lemon tart with fresh berries and cream, coffee/tea and mints. Soft drinks are included. Wine and beer will be available to buy.

Lunch tickets (£7 for adults, £3.50 for under 12s) will be on sale after main church services, from Benenden's Community Shop or from Lesley Attwood (01580 243318 lesley.attwood@sky.com).

This is always a very popular event, so please book your tickets early.

Volunteers are needed during the lunch to help with general duties such as serving, washing-up etc. If you are willing to help, please sign the list at the back of the church – no cooking required!

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed Service at St George's, Benenden

**Friday 1st November - 7.30pm led by Revd David Commander
(refreshments in church from 7pm)**


All Saints' Service at St Nicholas, Sandhurst

Sunday 3rd November - 10 am led by Lyn Hayes

Should you wish the name of a loved one to be read out at either of the above services, please email or telephone Cathy in the Benefice Office:

Tel 01580 850 849 Email: benendenchurch@gmail.com

by Friday 25th October please

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