

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 14th August The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.

Sunday: 14th August – The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Hebrews 11.29-12.2, Luke 12.49-56

8 am **1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Arch Deacon Andrew Sewell

10 am **MORNING WORSHIP AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

Hymns: 813 *Through the night of doubt (omit v 7&8)*
 304 *Let saints on earth in concert sing*
 580 *Judge eternal, throned in splendour*
 506 *The church's one foundation (omit v3)*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Revd David is now on sabbatical until Monday 3rd October.

Revd Ylva is on holiday until Friday 19th August.

Should you require the services of a Priest during this time, please contact

David Collard, Churchwarden, Tel 01580 241 944

Monday 15 th	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 16 th	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	8 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 17 th	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
Thursday 18 th	10 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
Friday 19 th	7.30 pm	Bellringing: Quarter Peal at St George's

Sunday Next: 21st August – The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Hebrews 12.18-end, Luke 13.10-17

8 am **1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS**
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am **SUNG EUCHARIST AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

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Hebrews 11.29-12.2

The Faith of Other Israelite Heroes

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

The Example of Jesus

¹²Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Luke 12.49-56

Jesus the Cause of Division

⁴⁹ 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

Interpreting the Time

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Friends of Kent Churches Ride & Stride - Saturday 10th September 10am-6pm. For further information and sponsor forms please contact Anne Tylden-Wright 850281

Vicki Young (Ordinand) is looking for a minimum two bed property to rent privately in Sandhurst, Benenden and surrounding areas. If you can help, please email vickijyoung40@gmail.com, or call 07527 160 019.

Next Choir Practice at St George's - Thursday 1st September at 7 pm.

Margaret & David's Fundraiser for 'Mind':

Our minds are equally as important as our bodies and we need to look after both!
Walking is widely recognised as being good for mind and body.

Ten years ago, our daughter Anna took her own life after suffering from many years of mental torment. She loved riding and rode from Winchester to Eastbourne on the South Downs Way. In her memory, and to raise money for Mind the national mental health charity, David and I are doing this walk in September. Please will you help us by donating to Mind?

There is a Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/anna-sargent10>
but equally cash donations are very welcome!! Mind challenge the stigma of mental illness, lobby for improvement, train people to help others and coordinate local Minds who deliver much needed services. Margaret Sargent

Open Synod Meeting of Weald Deanery Tuesday 6th September at 7.30-pm The Parish Room, High Street, Staplehurst

**Church members from parishes within the Deanery are invited to attend the
Synod Meeting Open Session
that will involve presentations from the following:-**

Theme – Environment and Eco Church – Introduced by Lay Chair

- a) Jonathan Arnold – Diocesan Director of Communities and Partnerships
'Why care, why act, why pray: climate action and faith.'***
- b) Teresa Redfern – Diocesan Environmental Officer 'Eco Church'***

NB Only elected members will be able to participate in the Business Section of the Meeting following the above.

RECITAL IN AID OF HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

Welcome to our 14th season of Richard Beattie Davis Memorial Musicales.

The September Hospice recital will be at 3pm on Tuesday 6th September, when Sasha Karpeyev will be playing with François Pineau-Benois, our first violinist who is coming over from Paris. Sasha tells me that they are exploring the 'Belaieff' composers, which thrills me - possibly inspired by my husband Richard's book 'The Beauty of Belaieff', the definitive study of this Russian music publisher. They will be playing Rachmaninov, Prokofiev, Glazunov and more.

Tickets will only be sold in advance.

Please contact me for reservations: Gillian Davis 01580-850384
or gillian@wimbourne.com

Revd David's Sabbatical

Revd David is taking a three-month sabbatical, returning to parish ministry on Monday 3rd October. Helen will also be taking time away and will not be at services in the benefice.

Until Sunday 2nd October the 8am Communion services will alternate between the two parishes. This is to reduce the workload on our two priests, Revd Rosemary and Revd Ylva. The 10am Benenden services will continue as per the usual pattern.

Services and pastoral matters will be covered by our Ministry Leadership Team of:

Revd Ylva
Revd Rosemary
Lyn Hayes
David Harmsworth
Vicki Young
and other visiting priests.

Deanery colleagues will also cover some weddings.

Administrative matters will be handled by the Churchwardens of the two parishes:

Anne Tylden-Wright & Bob Houlden (Sandhurst)
and Sue Fisher & David Collard (Benenden).

The Churchwardens' contact details can be found on the front and back of this weekly news sheet and on the porch notices.

Any general enquiries may be emailed to Cathy Baker, Benefice Administrator, via benendenchurch@gmail.com. This email will be regularly monitored and any incoming emails responded to within a short period of time.

Bell-ringing Practice at St George's (usual weekly timetable)

Mondays: 3.30 to 4.30 pm - Learners' practice
Tuesdays: 6.30 to 7.30 pm - Simulator practice
Wednesdays: 7.30 to 9 pm - Weekly Bell-ringing Practice (shutters open)
Thursdays: 4.30 to 5.30 pm - Simulator practice
Fridays: 9 to 10.30 am - Simulator practice
3rd Friday of the Month 7.30 – 9 pm – Quarter Peal attempt

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