

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July Seventh Sunday after Trinity

**Collect:** Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 14<sup>th</sup> July – Seventh Sunday after Trinity

*Readings: Ephesians 1.3-14, Mark 6.14-29*

8 am	<b>1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION</b> led by Revd David Commander
10 am	<b>MORNING WORSHIP &amp; Baptism of Maeve Allery</b> led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie <b><i>We welcome Maeve and all family &amp; friends to St George's this morning.</i></b> <i>Hymns:       545       Morning has broken</i> <i>                  656       He's got the whole world in his hand</i> <i>                  757       One more step along the world I go</i> <i>                  194       Alleluia, Alleluia!</i>
2 – 4 pm	<b>Summer Teas at St George's</b>

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	3 pm	Benenden Church Wardens - meeting at the Rectory
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	7.30 pm	Benenden Home Group and David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	12.30 pm	Funeral of t/l Stuart Andrew at St George's
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
	7 pm	Learning & Sharing the Faith Group - meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
	7 – 8 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	1.30 pm	BPS Leavers' Service at St George's
	6 pm	Wedding Rehearsal at St George's
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 – 11.30 am	Toddler Group Helpers – meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church
	2.30 pm	Wedding of Chloe Bird & Fred Millar at St George's

**Sunday Next: 21<sup>st</sup> July - Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

Readings: Ephesians 2.11-end, Mark 6.30-34 & 53-end

**8 am** HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

**10 am** SUNG EUCHARIST led by Revd David Commander & Victoria Bray

**2 – 4 pm** Summer Teas at St George's

**Readings: Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Seventh Sunday after Trinity*****Ephesians 1.3-14******Spiritual Blessings in Christ***

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

***Mark 6.14-29******The Death of John the Baptist***

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' <sup>15</sup>But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

<sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John

the Baptist on a platter.' <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

**Prayers: All are welcome at the Memorial Service for t/l Stuart Andrew at 12.30pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July.** This follows a Cremation service for family and closest friends at Charing. We pray for all family and friends. DH

**Grief Talks ~Time to share & reflect**  
**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 10am – 12.30pm**  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 10am – 12.30pm**  
**at the Mission Church, Back Road,**  
**Sandhurst TN18 5JU**



*Coming to terms with the loss of a loved one can be one of the hardest things we have to do. When someone has died, while we may feel our loved one is at peace, it can still leave us with hugely mixed emotions.*

*We are offering a morning to explore our grief through conversation, readings and crafting together. It will be a safe space to come to talk and share what has been going on for you.*

*Talking to others who have been through similar experiences can be helpful, or just knowing that someone is there to listen.*

*For more information and to book this free workshop please contact Claire Roberts on 01580 754374, or email [claireecr57@yahoo.com](mailto:claireecr57@yahoo.com)*

# 'CONNECT FOUR'

*Our informal family service*

## 4pm Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July

**at Sandhurst Mission Church, Back Road TN18 5JU**



***Come along and connect with:***

- family and friends - tea, coffee, cake***
  - the Bible - worship - and God!***
- Refreshments throughout.***

### The Band of The Brigade of Gurkhas

**Queen's Gurkha Engineers Khukuri Fighting Skills Demonstration  
The Old School Samba Band**

**Reception and Beating Retreat in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund  
at Sutton Valence School.**

**6pm on Thursday, 18 July.**

**Tickets £40. Children (up to 14) £15**

**(Expect sparkling wine, canapes, and superb entertainment)**

**To book tickets please email: [cfgparkinson@gmail.com](mailto:cfgparkinson@gmail.com)**

***Summer Teas at St George's***  
***Every Sunday in July & August from 2 to 4pm.***  
***All welcome!***

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