

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 16th June Third Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 16th June –Third Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 2 Cor. 5.6-10 & 14-17, Mark 4.26-34

8 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
led by Revd David Commander

10 am **SUNG EUCHARIST**
led by Revd David Commander

Hymns: 223 (*omit * verses*) *All hail the power of Jesu's name*
 212 *Now the green blade rises from the buried grain*
 827 *Ye servants of God*
 569 *The kingdom of God is justice and joy*

12.30 pm **Baptism of Wilfred Mason at St George's**

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 17 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 18 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
	1.30 pm	Memorial Service t/I Peter Blockley
	2.30 pm	Interment at St George's t/I Peter Blockley
	7.30 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	3 pm	Benenden Churchwardens' meeting at the Rectory
Wednesday 19 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	2 pm	20:20 Project meeting at St George's
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
	7.30 pm	Weald Deanery Synod Open Meeting at St Peter & St Paul's, Headcorn
Thursday 20 th	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
	5 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	7 – 8 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 21 st	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	3.30 pm	Wedding of Perry Giles & Lesley Larkin at St George's
	Saturday 22nd	4 pm

Sunday Next: 23rd June – Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 2 Cor. 6.1-13, Mark 4.35-end

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

10 am **BENEFACTIVE SUNG EUCHARIST AT ST NICHOLAS, SANDHURST**
(*Vicki's last service in the Benefice*) led by Revd David Commander & Vicki Young

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2 Cor 5.6-10

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

2 Cor 5.14-17

¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Mark 4.26-34

The Parable of the Growing Seed

²⁶ He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³⁰ He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

The Use of Parables

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

'CONNECT FOUR'

Our informal family service

4pm Saturday 22nd June

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.

Memorial Services at St George's

t/l Peter Blockley Tuesday 18th June at 1:30 pm

t/l Jean Patterson Wednesday 26th June at 2pm

We pay for all family and friends.

Sunday 23rd June – PLEASE NOTE - No 10 o'clock service at St George's!

The 10 o'clock is a Benefice service at St Nicholas Sandhurst as we send Vicki Young on her way to ordination and her curacy at St Michael's Marden.

Vicki's ordination is at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday 29th June; the service starts at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome to attend. Vicki will then take up her training curacy, the first year as a Deacon, at St Michael and All Angels in Marden.

Weald Deanery Synod Open meeting

Wednesday 19th June, 7.30pm

**at St Peter & St Paul's Church,
Church Walk, Headcorn TN27 9NR**

*Ever wondered about the structure and workings of the Church of England?
(Who hasn't?!)*

What is "General Synod"; what does it do?

How does General Synod relate to Diocesan Synod and to Deanery Synod?

What do they do; why do we have them?

How does all that relate to our PCC, and to my parish church?

If you would like to find out more about all this, come along to an open Weald Deanery Synod meeting on Wednesday 19th June. Revd Rachel Webbley is our guest for the evening. Rachel is Team Rector of the Whitstable Team Ministry. She is also a representative on her Deanery Synod, on our Diocesan Synod and one of our Diocesan representatives on General Synod.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Refreshments served from 7:15pm.

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.

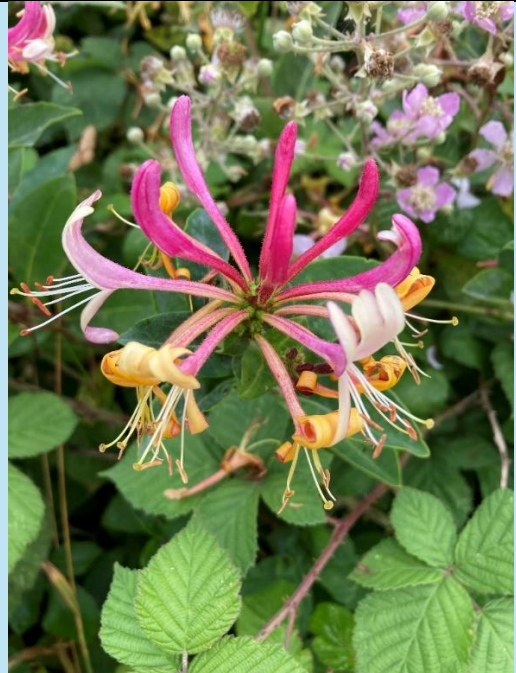
Tickets £40. Children (up to 14) £15

(Expect sparkling wine, canapes, and superb entertainment)

To book tickets please email: cfgparkinson@gmail.com

Summer Pilgrimage - Saturday 13th July

9.45am for a 10am start from St Nicholas Church




Taking in the paths & byways around the Kent & Sussex border, stopping for reflection and having time to connect with God and enjoy the company of fellow pilgrims, whilst walking in our wonderful countryside.

The day can be split into two halves as we will be stopping off for lunch at The Castle Inn in Bodiam. You can take part for just the morning or the afternoon if liked. The whole walk will be around 6-6.5 miles long, finishing back at St Nicholas for well-earned refreshment and our traditional offering of cake at around 4pm.

We would love to walk with you. If you have further questions, or would like a lift, please get in touch with Revd Ylva Tel 07766 711957, Email: rev.ylva@gmail.com. or Lyn Hayes Tel 07792 332904, Email: lindapin@aol.com

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