

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 19th July The 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 19th July – The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 8.12-25, Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

8 am HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am SUNG EUCHARIST AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

led by Revd David Commander

Hymns: 715 Lord for the years

747 O God, you search me

451 Just as I am

588 And can it be?

God be in my head (HC)

2 – 4 pm St George's Summer Teas at the Memorial Hall

5 pm SONGS OF PRAISE AT ST NICHOLAS, SANDHURST

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 20 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory <i>No Sandhurst Home Group until September</i>
Tuesday 21 st	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	1.30 pm	BPS Leavers' service at Benenden Primary School <i>No Benenden Home Group this week – next meeting 28th July</i>
Wednesday 22 nd	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Friday 24 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
Saturday 25 th	1 pm	Interment of t/l Revd Martin Mitchell at St George's
	4 pm	'CONNECT FOUR' Family Service at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Kent Police Male Voice Choir – Concert at St Nicholas, Sandhurst

Sunday Next: 26th July – The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 8.26-end, Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

8 am HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd David Commander

10 am MORNING WORSHIP AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

led by Sarah Emanuel

2 – 4 pm St George's Summer Teas at the Memorial Hall

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Romans 8.12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

²⁴ He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” ²⁸He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” ²⁹But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ ³⁷He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Home Groups:

Sandhurst: Will meet again after the summer holidays - on Monday 7th September at Sandhurst Mission Church.

Benenden: There will be no meeting this week. ***Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 28th July*** – at 7.30pm at David and Julia Collard’s.

Benenden Village Fete in support of St George's Church: Various expenses and other incomes have now been received. The profit from the fete has now risen to an incredible £25,175. What an amazing day; what an amazing result. Well done everyone! We have already given £4,530 to local charities and organisations. More will be donated by the Mission Allocation group later in the year. The rest goes towards our operating costs and to the RRR Project. Revd David

Restore • Renew • Rejoice – Your Support Makes the Difference: We are delighted to share some wonderful news. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, the Restore: Renew: Rejoice appeal has received two significant gifts: £40,000 from The Friends of St George's and £5,000 from The Beatrice Liang Trust. We offer our heartfelt thanks to the Trustees of both organisations for their outstanding support.

These generous donations bring us closer to our goal, but there is still much to do. Every gift, whatever its size, helps us restore and renew St George's so that it remains a welcoming, vibrant church for worship, community life and future generations.

To everyone who has already given, thank you. If you have not yet had the opportunity to contribute, we warmly invite you to consider making a donation today - as generously as you are able. Every contribution, large or small, brings us one step closer to making this vision a reality.

Please either use the QR code below or if you would prefer to pay by bank transfer and/or would like the church to claim gift aid on your donation please email phewitt1203@gmail.com for details.



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St George's Summer Teas at the Memorial Hall
Every Sunday throughout July and August
from 2 to 4 pm. All Welcome!

'Songs of Praise'

at
**St Nicholas Church,
Sandhurst
Sunday 19th July
at 5 pm**

*followed by refreshments &
fellowship*
All are welcome.

'CONNECT FOUR'

Our informal family service
4 pm - Saturday 25th 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!



KENT POLICE MALE VOICE CHOIR

CONCERT

St. Nicholas Church, Sandhurst TN18 5NS
Saturday 25th July 2026 at 7.30 pm
Tickets £15 (under 12-year-olds free) are
available on the door
or pre-pay via the QR code

Refreshments available
St Nicholas, Sandhurst PCC Charity No X33295




Notice from the Diocese of Canterbury:

As you may be aware INEQE Safeguarding Group have been commissioned to conduct Independent Safeguarding Audits of the Church of England to make sure dioceses and cathedrals are doing all they can to create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

As part of the audit process for Canterbury, INEQE hope to engage with parishioners and members of the parish community through an online survey which will act as a mechanism through which individuals can comment on any matters relevant to the Audit's focus.

The survey is both anonymous (we are not seeking to identify you) and confidential (you will not be identified). We would therefore ask you to be open and honest with your responses. The survey results are received directly by INEQE's Audit Team and not by the Church of England. The survey is now live and will close at 11.30 pm on Wednesday 2nd September 2026.

To access the survey relevant to you please scan the QR code below or visit <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/canterbury/>



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