

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 1st September Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 1st September – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: James 1.17-end, Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23

8 am	HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
10 am	ALL AGE COMMUNION led by Revd David Commander
	<i>Hymns: 708 'Lift up your hearts!' We lift them, Lord, to thee</i>
	<i>602 Blest are the pure in heart</i>
	<i>236 Breathe on me, Breath of God</i>
	<i>HC 557 Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair)</i>
	<i>505 Tell all the world of Jesus</i>
5 pm	CHORAL EVENSONG led by Revd David Commander
	<i>Psalm 119.1-16. Readings: Exodus 12.21-27, Matthew 4.23-5.20</i>
	<i>Hymns: 384 O Christ the Word incarnate</i>
	<i>807 Thine for ever!</i>
	<i>765 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation</i>

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 2 nd	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Tuesday 3 rd	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
Wednesday 4 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
	7 pm	20:20 Project – progress meeting at the Memorial Hall
Friday 6 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's
	5.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal at St George's
Saturday 7 th	10 am – 12.30pm	'Grief Talks' workshop at Sandhurst Mission Church
	12.30 pm	Wedding of Katie Masterson & Chris Cleaver at St George's

Sunday Next: 8th September – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: James 2.1-10,14-17, Mark 7.24-end

8 am	1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
10 am	MORNING WORSHIP led by David Harmsworth

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James 1.17-end

¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶ If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Mark 7.1-8

⁷Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' ⁶He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;

⁷ in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines."

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Mark 7.14-15

¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.'

Mark 7.21-23

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

Summer Teas

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Summer Teas this year; to those who manned the church each Sunday and to those who made delicious cakes. Our guests appreciated the welcome they received. This is not a fundraising event but we did take nearly £150 in donations! Thank you everyone again. Helen

Home Groups:

Sandhurst Home Group

re-starts on Monday 9th September at the Mission Church, Sandhurst.

Benenden Home Group - Change of Date!

The next meeting of Benenden Home Group will be on Tuesday 24th September

Harvest Service at St George's 11am Sunday 29th September

followed by Harvest Lunch – details to be confirmed

We would be grateful for non-perishable harvest goods.

These will be donated to local charities for those in need.

Newcomers' Lunch: The date of the next Newcomers' Lunch is Saturday, 12th October at 12 noon in St George's Church. We are asking for names of newcomers to the village to please be passed to Sally Ann Marks so that we can formally invite them to come. Please email Sally on sallymarks100@hotmail.com if you are new to Benenden or if you know of anyone who may have moved in to the village within the last couple of years.

We will be inviting representatives of various village organisations to attend to give details of their activities. If you are able to help with the Lunch, again please email Sally Ann.

Walking the Camino Ingles in memory of Louise Nicholson: Starting on 15th October, Lyn Hayes together with Jackie Nudd and five others, will be walking the English Camino in memory of Louise Nicholson whilst raising much needed funds and awareness for DAVSS (Domestic Abuse Volunteer Support Services) a fantastic local charity that helps and supports victims and their families affected by domestic abuse and coercive control.

Louise died nearly six years ago leaving two children. Her mother Jackie has been fighting for justice for her daughter and her grandchildren. We need to keep educating each other and raising awareness about domestic abuse and its effects on those who suffer as a consequence of a crime that largely goes under the radar.

We will be tackling the 118km route over 6 days, starting in Ferrol in Galicia, Northern Spain and ending at the Cathedral of St James in Santiago.

Please give as much or as little as you can for such a worthy cause.

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving – they will never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, your money is sent directly to the charity. So, it is the most efficient way to donate, saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

Lyn's page is: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/linda-hayes-1721826875680>

(Please note that Lyn's JustGiving page us under the name of Linda Hayes - Linda's fundraiser for DAVSS)

Grief Talks ~Time to share & reflect
Saturday 7th September, 10am – 12.30pm
@ 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

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