

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 21st July Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 21st 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

Hymns: 626 *Father, in whom we live*
 800 *The Lord's my shepherd*
 584 *All my hope on God is founded*
 506 *The church's one foundation*

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 22 nd	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Benenden PCC Meeting at St George's
Tuesday 23 rd	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	7.30 pm	Benenden Home Group and David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 24 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	5 pm	Wedding Rehearsal at St George's
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 25 th	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
Friday 26 th		<i>No Morning Prayer at St George's today</i>
	2.30 pm	Funeral of t/l Mike Backhouse at St George's
	6 – 7.30 pm	20:20 Project – progress meeting at St George's
Saturday 27 th	10 am –	'Grief Talks Time to share & reflect. Workshop at
	12.30 pm	Sandhurst Mission Church
	1 pm	Wedding of Rebecca Hawley and Luke Holt at St George's
	4 pm	CONNECT FOUR AT SANDHURST MISSION CHURCH

Sunday Next: 28th July - Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Ephesians 3.14-end, John 6.1-21

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

10 am **MORNING WORSHIP** led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

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

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Ephesians 2.11-end

¹¹ So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called ‘the uncircumcision’ by those who are called ‘the circumcision’—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Mark 6.30-34 & 53-end

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, ‘Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.’ For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Prayers: We pray for the family and friends of **t/I Mike Backhouse**. Mike’s funeral, conducted by Revd Rosemary, is at St George’s on Friday 26th July. This follows a cremation service earlier in the week.

Please note: Revd David will be on holiday for two weeks following the services on Sunday 28th July, so there will be no Morning Prayer until the week commencing 12th August. In addition, please note that Morning Prayer on a Wednesday will take place at St George's Church rather than the Mission Church.

Your Church Needs You!...

Two of our very reliable people are standing down from their tasks after years of service, and we need others to take up the reins:

- **Verger: Colin Hayman is stepping down**, and we need someone (or a couple of people) to take on the role of verger to set the church up and be a welcoming face for weddings or funeral services. (Weddings are often on a Saturday and are known about months in advance; funerals are generally midweek and we usually have two to three weeks' notice. Hence it possibly being of interest to two people: one midweek, the other weekends.) There is a small remuneration for the job!

- **"Ride & Stride" coordinator: Alison Prall is stepping down**. This is an annual event, involving advertising material, providing refreshments and a sign-in sheet at St George's, and liaising with the Friends of Kent Churches coordinator. This year's event is on Saturday 14th September.

If either of these roles are of interest, please speak to me or one of the Churchwardens. Revd David

'CONNECT FOUR'

Our informal family service

4pm Saturday 27th 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.

Summer Teas at St George's

Every Sunday in July & August from 2 to 4pm.

All welcome!

Grief Talks ~Time to share & reflect
Saturday 27th July, 10am – 12.30pm
Saturday 7th 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

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