

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June First Sunday after Trinity

**Collect:** O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 22<sup>nd</sup> June – First Sunday after Trinity

*Readings: Galatians 3.23-end, Luke 8.26-39*

8 am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
10 am	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b> led by David Harmsworth
	<i>Hymns:</i> 486 <i>Christ is the King!</i> 497 <i>Lord of the Church, we pray for our renewing</i> 515 <i>Jesus, in your life we see you</i> 566 <i>Put peace into each other's hands</i>

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>		<i>No Morning Prayer today</i>
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>		<i>No Morning Prayer today</i>
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice <b>at St George's</b>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
	5 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	7 – 8 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	2 pm	Wedding of Mark Bridges & Melanie Barnard at St George's
	4 pm	Interment of t/l Laura Pavier at St George's
	5 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 pm	Wedding of Beau Archer & Catherine Chisholm at St George's
	2.30 pm	<b>VICKI YOUNG'S ORDINATION AT CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL</b>
	4 pm	<b>CONNECT FOUR – Family Service – AT SANDHURST MISSION CHURCH</b>

### Sunday Next: 29<sup>th</sup> June – Second Sunday after Trinity

*Readings: Galatians 5.1, 13-25, Luke 9.51-end*

8 am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S</b> led by Revd David Commander & Russell Anderson
10 am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS</b> led by Revd David Commander & Russell Anderson

**Readings: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Second Sunday after Trinity**

**Galatians 3.23-end**

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

**Luke 8.26-39**

<sup>26</sup>Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"— <sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. <sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. <sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

**Prayers:**

**t/I Paul Gregory:** We continue to hold Paul's wife, Angie, and their family in your prayers. There will be a Thanksgiving Service at St George's Church at 3.30pm on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

**Home Groups:**

**Sandhurst Home Group** meets on Mondays at 7.30pm at Sandhurst Mission Church.

**Benenden Home Group:** The next meeting will be Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

**Appointment of the 106<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Canterbury:** The Canterbury Diocesan representatives for the Canterbury Crown Nominations Commission (CNC) have been appointed.

**The following representatives were elected by the Canterbury Vacancy in See Committee and will be involved in the discernment of the next Archbishop of Canterbury:**

The Revd Estella Last (Chair of Diocesan Synod),  
David Berry

**Sally-Ann Marks (Benefice of Benenden and Sandhurst)**

Please keep Estella, David and particularly Sally-Ann in your prayers.

The announcement regarding the next Archbishop is expected this autumn.

### **The Renew – Restore – Rejoice project has had an amazing week!**

We found out on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June that the faculty had been granted! This means that finally all our approvals are now in place enabling us to evolve the church facilities to meet the needs of our community.

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June we were honoured to host a visit from HRH Duchess of Edinburgh GCVO at St George's. Her Royal Highness spent over an hour at the church, discussing the project and speaking to many of our volunteers who were on the Green preparing for the Village Fete.

We so are delighted to share with you all that Her Royal Highness has agreed to be the patron of our Renew – Restore – Rejoice project.

Praise God for both these answers to prayer! Peter Brook

**Vicki Young's Ordination: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025:** You may recall that our Vicki Young was ordained as a Deacon last June. She is currently enjoying her first year as Curate at St Michael and All Angels, Marden.

Next Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> June, Vicki is to be ordained as a Priest. This means that she will be able to undertake the sacramental ministry of baptisms and the Eucharist. If you would like to be at the service to support her, and see the completion of this stage of her ordination journey, the service is at Canterbury Cathedral and starts at 2.30pm. Please hold Vicki in your prayers.

Revd David

## **‘CONNECT FOUR’**

### ***Our informal family service***

***4pm - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June - led by Peter Brook***

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



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

***- family & friends - tea, coffee, cake - the Bible***

***- worship- & God!***

***Refreshments throughout***

***‘Summer Teas at St George’s’ start on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July***

***2 – 4 pm – throughout July and August***

**Next Sunday - 29<sup>th</sup> June - is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday:  
We have Benefice services  
8 am at St George's, 10 am at St. Nicholas**

**Grief Talks ~ Time to share & reflect:  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 10 am – 12 noon  
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  
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