

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 25th August Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 25th August - Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Ephesians 6.10-20, John 6.56-69

8 am	HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd David Commander
10 am	MORNING WORSHIP led by David Harmsworth
	<i>Hymns:</i> 826 <i>Ye holy angels bright</i> 780 <i>Soldiers of Christ, arise</i> 714 <i>Lord of all power, I give you my will</i> 677 <i>In a world where people walk in darkness</i>
2 – 4 pm	Summer Teas at St George's

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 26 th		<i>Bank Holiday</i>
Tuesday 27 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	7.30 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 28 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing Practice at St Nicholas <i>(4th Wednesday of the month)</i>
Friday 30 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Saturday 31 st	9.30 am - noon	Churchyard Working Party at St George's

Sunday Next: 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
5 pm	CHORAL EVENSONG led by Revd David Commander

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Ephesians 6.10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

John 6.56-69

⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

The Words of Eternal Life

⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

During August, Wednesday Morning Prayer is at St George's Tuesday's Morning Prayer continues at the Mission Church

Benenden Home Group will meet on Tuesday 27th August.

We will then not meet again until Tuesday 17th September. David Collard

Churchyard Working Party at St George's – NEXT Saturday 31st August – from 9.30am to noon. Please do join us if you are able. **NB:** this is instead of meeting on 7th September – when there is a wedding late morning. Dick Hill

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)

Mission Prayer

God of Mission

Who alone brings growth to your Church,

Send your Holy Spirit to give

Vision to our planning,

Wisdom to our actions,

Joy to our worship,

And power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers,

In spiritual commitment to you.

And in service to our local community,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Summer Teas at St George's
Every Sunday in August from 2 to 4pm.
All welcome!

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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