

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 26th May Trinity Sunday

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 26th May: Trinity Sunday

Readings: Romans 8.12-17, John 3.1-17

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| 8 am | HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie |
| 10 am | MORNING WORSHIP led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie |
| | <i>Hymns: 276 Holy, Holy, Holy</i> |
| | <i>628 Father of heaven</i> |
| | <i>489 From heaven you came</i> |
| | <i>630 Father Lord of all creation</i> |

THE WEEK AHEAD

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| Monday 27 th | | Bank Holiday – No Morning Prayer or Home Group today. |
| | 7 pm | PCC Communion |
| | 7.30 pm | PCC meeting at St George's |
| Tuesday 28 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church |
| | 10 am | Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Bid-Mackenzie |
| | 7.30 pm | Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's |
| Wednesday 29 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church |
| | 10 – 11.30 am | Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall |
| | 7 pm | Learning & Sharing the Faith meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church |
| | 7.30 – 9 pm | Bellringing Practice - at St Nicholas, Sandhurst (last Wednesday of the month) |
| Thursday 30 th | 10 – 11.30 am | Community Choir at St George's |
| | 7 – 8 pm | Choir Practice at St George's |
| Friday 31 st | 8 am | Morning Prayer at St George's |
| | 10.30 am | Funeral of t/l Fred Page at St George's |
| | 12.30 pm | Interment of t/l Gerald & Kathleen Gurr at St George's |
| Saturday 1 st | 9.30 am – 12 noon | Churchyard Working Party at St George's |

Sunday Next: 2nd June – First Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 & Mark 2:23-3:6

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| 8 am | HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd David Commander |
| 10 am | ALL AGE COMMUNION led by Revd David Commander & Ven Andrew Sewell |
| 11.30 am – 1 pm | Project 20:20 Public Meeting at St George's |
| 2 – 5 pm | Teas in the Churchyard at St Nicholas, Sandhurst |
| 5 pm | CHORAL EVENSONG AT ST GEORGE'S led by David Harmsworth |
| | <i>Readings: Psalm 35, Jeremiah 5:1-19, Romans 7:7-end</i> |

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Romans 8.12-17

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.

John 3.1-17

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

³Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' ⁹Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Prayers: t/I Peter Blockley: Many of you will remember Peter Blockley from the time he lived in the village and served on the Parish Council. Peter died on Saturday 4th May. Please hold Peter and his family in your prayers. A Memorial Service (followed by an interment) will take place at St George's Church on Tuesday 18th June; the church service beginning at 1.30 pm.

We also pray for **t/I Fred Page** and all family and friends. Fred's funeral is at St George's next Friday, 31st May at 10.30 am.

Saturday 1st June - 9.30 am to 12 noon - Churchyard Working Party at St George's. Please do join us if you are able. DH

Project 20/20: an update meeting will take place after the 10 o'clock service on Sunday 2nd June. The meeting will be chaired by Ven. Andrew Sewell, Archdeacon of Maidstone; it will begin at 11.30am. Please come along if you are interested in the progress of the project and the future of St George's Church.

**The Archdeacon's Visitation
takes place
on Monday 3rd June 2024
at St Mildred's Church, Tenterden
The service begins at 7pm**

It is at the Visitation that our Churchwardens are sworn into office for the year to come. It would be lovely if folk from church could come along and support Sue Fisher and David Collard, and the Churchwardens for St Nicholas Sandhurst, at this service. If you are a Sidesperson or serve the church in any other way, please also come along as prayers are said for those who serve. Revd David

**Sunday 9th June
Deanery Choral Evensong at Canterbury
Cathedral
by invitation of
The Very Reverend Dr David Monteith
Everyone in the Weald Deanery is invited**

**4 pm Welcome Tea & Cake in the Community Studio
5.30 pm Choral Evensong in the Cathedral**

**For catering numbers, please confirm attendance to Julia Collard
(Weald Deanery Secretary) by 27th May via Tel 01580 241944
or Email julia.collard@btinternet.com**

**SATURDAY 15th JUNE
12 noon – 4pm
ST GEORGE'S FETE
on The Green**

Vicki Young: Vicki's last service in the Benefice, with an opportunity for us to send her on her way with our love, will be a 10 o'clock service at St Nicholas, Sandhurst on Sunday 23rd June.

Vicki's ordination is at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday 29th June; the service starts at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome to attend. Vicki will then take up her training curacy, the first year as a Deacon, at St Michael and All Angels in Marden.

Summer Pilgrimage - Saturday 13th July

9.45am for a 10am start from St Nicholas Church

Taking in the paths & byways around the Kent & Sussex border, stopping for reflection and having time to connect with God and enjoy the company of fellow pilgrims, whilst walking in our wonderful countryside.

The day can be split into two halves as we will be stopping off for lunch at The Castle Inn in Bodiam. You can take part for just the morning or the afternoon if liked. The whole walk will be around 6-6.5 miles long, finishing back at St Nicholas for well-earned refreshment and our traditional offering of cake at around 4pm.

We would love to walk with you. If you have further questions, or would like a lift, please get in touch with Revd Ylva Tel 07766 711957, Email: rev.ylva@gmail.com. or Lyn Hayes Tel 07792 332904, Email: lindapin@aol.com

St Nicholas Church

Teas in the Churchyard

Sunday 2nd June: 2 - 5pm



Churchyard trail, raffle, delicious cakes.

Come and enjoy the spectacular views and wild flowers and listen to the birds.

It's nature at its best! And Wedding flowers in church too.

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