

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 28th June The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 28th June – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 6.12-end, Matthew 10.40-end

8 am HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd David Commander

10 am MORNING WORSHIP AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

Hymns: 746 *O God our help in ages past*
 779 *Sing my soul when hope is sleeping*
 657 *Help us to help each other Lord*
 712 *Lord Jesus Christ (Living Lord)*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 29 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 30 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	2 pm	RRR Fundraising Meeting at Richard's <i>No Benenden Home Group in June</i>
Wednesday 1 st	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	9 – 11 am	Drop in Café & Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 2 nd	10 – 11.30 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at Sandhurst Mission Church
Friday 3 rd	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing Quarter Peal attempt at St George's
Saturday 4 th	9.30 am – 12 noon	Churchyard Working Party at St George's

Sunday Next: 5th July – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 7.15-25a, Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

8 am HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd David Commander

10 am ALL AGE COMMUNION AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

led by Revd David Commander

1.30 – 4.30 pm St George's Summer Teas at the Memorial Hall

5 pm EVENING PRAYER IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Sarah Emanuel

Readings: 2 Samuel 2.1-11 & 3.1, Luke 18.31-19.10. Psalm 56

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Romans 6.12-end

¹² Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 10.40-end

⁴⁰ 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

Home Groups:

Sandhurst: Next meets on Mondays at 7.30 pm at the Mission Church.

Benenden: There will be no meetings in June. The next meeting will be Tuesday 7th July. 7.30 pm at David & Julia Collard's.

Saturday 4th July from 9.30 am to 12 noon: St George's Churchyard Working Party. Please do join us if you are able. Dick Hill

Prayers: Please hold Marion Stevenson-Rouse in your prayers following the death of Edward recently. And also their daughters Anna and Sarah and their husbands and family. Edward's funeral will take place on Thursday 9th July. There will be a private funeral service in the morning followed by a Thanksgiving Service at St Mildred's Church Tenterden at 2.30 pm.

Benenden Village Fete in support of St. George's Church: Wow, what a day! The weather could not have been better; it brought so many people out. The whole event had an amazing feel to it; this was the community coming together and having a fun time together. And once again, people kept spending - either cash or using the numerous SumUp machines - and we made an incredible £24,850 profit! That is absolutely fantastic; way surpassing the £20k we thought was amazing last year. (Just a caveat to this year's figure though: there are still some expenses to come in/be confirmed.) A huge thank you to: the Fete Committee, all the Stallholders, all the helpers, all the Sponsors...and to everyone who came along and made the event the huge success that it was. Revd David.

**St George's Summer Teas at the Memorial Hall:
Every Sunday throughout July and August from 1.30 to 4.30 pm. All Welcome!**



KENT POLICE MALE VOICE CHOIR

CONCERT

St. Nicholas Church, Sandhurst TN18 5NS

Saturday 25th July 2026 at 7.30 pm

Tickets £15 (under 12-year-olds free) are

*available on the door
or pre-pay via the QR code*



Refreshments available

St Nicholas, Sandhurst PCC Charity No X33295



🚢 Shanties & Songs of the Sea with The Rye Bay Crew 🚢

at St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst

Saturday 11th July 2026 at 7 pm

Set sail for an evening of music, merriment and maritime tradition.

The Rye Bay Crew bring their acclaimed **Shanties & Songs of the Sea** concert to town.

This talented troupe of professional musicians is passionate about keeping the old sea songs alive and thriving. Expect stirring shanties, rousing choruses, captivating stories from the coast, and plenty of opportunities to sing along and join in the fun.

Whether you're a lifelong lover of folk music or simply looking for an entertaining evening out, come aboard and enjoy a swashbuckling night of song, laughter and community spirit.

All hands on deck – we look forward to welcoming you!



Tickets available on the door or in advance by scanning the QR code.
 £13 per person - Under 12s free
 Refreshments available

We are organising a

'Songs of Praise'

at St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst

on Sunday 19th July at 5pm

followed by refreshments & fellowship


All are welcome.

Please help spread the word!

July 5th at 4 pm - Summer Tea Concert at Etchingam Church

Schumann, Beethoven & Brahms

Tickets, £20 including tea, available at the door.

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