

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 4th September The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 4th September – The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Philemon 1-21, Luke 14.25-33

8 am **1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS**
led by Revd Jack Bateson

10 am **ALL AGE COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd Jack Bateson

<i>Hymns</i>	1	<i>Awake, my soul</i>
	748	<i>O Jesus, I have promised (omit v2)</i>
	584	<i>All my hope on God</i>
	476	<i>Forth in thy name</i>

5 pm **CHORAL EVENSONG AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

Psalm 121. Readings: Isaiah 43.14-44.5, John 5.30-end

<i>Hymns</i>	135	<i>Take up thy cross</i>
	489	<i>From heaven you came</i>
	790	<i>Teach me, my God and Kin</i>

THE WEEK AHEAD

Revd David is on sabbatical until Monday 3rd October. Should you require the services of a Priest during this time, please contact Sue Fisher Tel 01580 241 907

Monday 5 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Tuesday 6 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen <i>No Benenden Home Group this week</i>
	7.30 pm	Open Deanery Synod Meeting, Parish Room, Staplehurst
Wednesday 7 th	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
Thursday 8 th	10 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
Friday 9 th	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's
	5 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday 10 th	2 pm	Wedding of Tom Brooks & Zoe Gaskill conducted by Revd Fiona Haskett

Sunday Next: 11th September – The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 1 Timothy 1.12-17, Luke 15.1-10

8 am **1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

10 am **MORNING WORSHIP AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

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Philemon 1-21

The Letter of Paul to Philemon

Salutation

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-
soldier, and to the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philemon's Love and Faith

⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

Paul's Plea for Onesimus

⁸ For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Luke 14.25-33

The Cost of Discipleship

²⁵ Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Tuesday Home Group in Benenden: There will be no Home Group meetings on 6th and 13th September, but we will resume again on Tuesday 20th September at 7 Fuggles Court.

Friends of Kent Churches Ride & Stride - Saturday 10th September 10am-6pm. For further information and sponsor forms please contact Anne Tylden-Wright Tel 850281. Alison Carter's husband David and son in law Jack are going to ride for St Nicholas, their sponsor forms are at the back of St Nicholas Church. It would be great if you could sponsor them. Friends of Kent Churches have been very helpful to St Nicholas. ATW

Autumn Pilgrimage - A date for your diaries: On Sunday 16th October 2022 we will set off on our Autumn Pilgrimage. We will again be leaving from St Nicholas, Sandhurst. As it is a Sunday, we will meet after the 10am church service at Benenden at 11.45am for a 12 o'clock start from St Nicholas. This time it will again be a shorter route, around 4 miles in total, finishing up with tea/coffee and cake at the church around 3pm, as before. We will stop for reflection and contemplation along the route. Please do speak to Lyn and Ylva for more details. We would love to walk with you!

Benenden Memorial Hall: A new cleaner is needed from October for the Memorial Hall. At present there is up to 2 hours' work a week, but should bookings increase there may be additional hours. At present the rate is £12 per hour. For further information contact David Collard on 01580 241944 or Email: d.collard49@btinternet.com or Jackie Liffen on 01580 240358 Email: Memhall@daisystar.co.uk

Margaret & David's Fundraiser for 'Mind':

Our minds are equally as important as our bodies and we need to look after both!
Walking is widely recognised as being good for mind and body.

Ten years ago, our daughter Anna took her own life after suffering from many years of mental torment. She loved riding and rode from Winchester to Eastbourne on the South Downs Way. In her memory, and to raise money for Mind the national mental health charity, David and I are doing this walk in September. Please will you help us by donating to Mind?

There is a Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/anna-sargent10> but equally cash donations are very welcome!! Mind challenge the stigma of mental illness, lobby for improvement, train people to help others and coordinate local Minds who deliver much needed services. Margaret Sargent

Open Synod Meeting of Weald Deanery Tuesday 6th September at 7.30-pm The Parish Room, High Street, Staplehurst

Church members from parishes within the Deanery are invited to attend the Synod Meeting Open Session that will involve presentations from the following:-

Theme – Environment and Eco Church – Introduced by Lay Chair

a) Jonathan Arnold – Diocesan Director of Communities and Partnerships

'Why care, why act, why pray: climate action and faith.'

b) Teresa Redfern – Diocesan Environmental Officer 'Eco Church'

NB Only elected members will be able to participate in the Business Section of the Meeting following the above.

Revd David's Sabbatical

Revd David is on sabbatical, returning to parish ministry on Monday 3rd October. Helen is also taking time away and will not be at services in the benefice.

Until Sunday 2nd October the 8am Communion services will alternate between the two parishes. This is to reduce the workload on our two priests, Revd Rosemary and Revd Ylva. The 10am Benenden services will continue as per the usual pattern.

Services and pastoral matters will be covered by our Ministry Leadership Team of:

Revd Ylva
Revd Rosemary
Lyn Hayes
David Harmsworth
Vicki Young
and other visiting priests.

Deanery colleagues will also cover some weddings.

Administrative matters will be handled by the Churchwardens of the two parishes:

Anne Tylden-Wright & Bob Houlden (Sandhurst)
and Sue Fisher & David Collard (Benenden).


The Churchwardens' contact details can be found on the front and back of this weekly news sheet and on the porch notices.

Any general enquiries may be emailed to Cathy Baker, Benefice Administrator, via benendenchurch@gmail.com. This email will be regularly monitored and any incoming emails responded to within a short period of time.

Bell-ringing Practice at St George's (usual weekly timetable)

Mondays: 3.30 to 4.30 pm - Learners' practice
Tuesdays: 6.30 to 7.30 pm - Simulator practice
Wednesdays: 7.30 to 9 pm - Weekly Bell-ringing Practice (shutters open)
Thursdays: 4.30 to 5.30 pm - Simulator practice
Fridays: 9 to 10.30 am - Simulator practice
3rd Friday of the Month 7.30 – 9 pm – Quarter Peal attempt

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