

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 5th October

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 5th October – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 2 Timothy 1.1-14, Luke 17.5-10

8 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

10 am ALL AGE COMMUNION
with thanksgiving for 50 years of marriage for Peter & Lynda Hukins
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

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| Hymns: | 621 | Dear Lord and Father of mankind |
| | 748 | O Jesus, I have promised |
| | 794 | The King of love my shepherd is |
| (HC) 768 | | Put thou thy trust in God |
| | 487 | Christ is the one who calls |

4 pm Choral Evensong Choir Practice at St George's

5 pm **CHORAL EVENSONG**
led by David Harmsworth *Readings: Nehemiah 5.1-13, John 9. Psalm 142*
Stanford in B flat and Anthems for Harvest tide

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| <i>Hymns:</i> | 599 | <i>Beyond all mortal praise</i> |
| | 515 | <i>Jesus, in your life we see you</i> |
| | 663 | <i>How shall I sing that majesty</i> |
| <i>Choir</i> | | <i>Thou visitest the earth, Praise, o praise, our God and King, Gaelic Blessing</i> |

THE WEEK AHEAD

Revd David is currently on holiday, returning on Tuesday 7th October.

Should you require the services of a Priest during this time please contact your Churchwardens:

Cathy Presgrave Tel: 07500 119 189 Sue Fisher Tel: 241 907

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| Monday 6 th | | <i>No Morning Prayer today</i> |
| | 7.30 pm | Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church |
| Tuesday 7 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church |
| | 10 am | Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie |
| | 7.30 pm | Home Group at David & Julia Collard's |
| Wednesday 8 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church |
| | 7.30 pm | Bellringing Practice at St George's |
| | 7.15 for 7.30 pm | Weald Deanery Synod Open Meeting at Marden Vestry Hall |
| Thursday 9 th | 10 – 11.30 am | Community Choir at St George's |
| | 5 pm | Wedding Rehearsal at St George's |
| Friday 10 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at St George's |
| | 9 – 11 am | Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's |
| | 12.45 pm | Wedding of Tom Mellor & Gabi Griggs at St George's |
| Saturday 11 th | 3 pm | Marriage Blessing of Mark & Loretta Czapiewski at St George's |

Sunday Next: 12th October – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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| 8 am | 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd David Commander <i>Readings: 2 Timothy 2.8-15, Luke 17.11-19</i> |
| 10 am | ‘PET SERVICE’ led by Revd David Commander <i>Pet Service Readings tbc:</i> |

Readings: Sunday 5th October – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

2 Timothy 1.1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Luke 17.5-10

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ ⁶The Lord replied, ‘If you had faith the size of a^a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you.

⁷ ‘Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, “Come here at once and take your place at the table”? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, “Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink”? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, “We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!” ’

Home Groups:

Sandhurst Home Group: Meets on Mondays, at 7.30 pm, at Sandhurst Mission Church.

Benenden Home Group: Meets on Tuesdays, at 7.30 pm, at David & Julia Collard’s

Prayers:

Revd Rosemary: Following Rosemary's operation, please continue to hold Rosemary and Jan in your prayers.

WEALD DEANERY SYNOD

Wednesday 8th October 2025, 7:30pm at the Vestry Hall, Marden TN12 9NH
(Refreshments from 7.15pm)

Guest Speaker: Revd Prof Jonathan Arnold, Executive Director, Social Justice Network

This is an Open Meeting - All Are Welcome

Brass Cleaning: Now is the time to start cleaning the church brass once more in preparation for Christmas. We would be pleased to welcome a few more to our group. We start on Wednesday 8th October at 9 am and continue meeting once a week until the brass is finished. If you would like to know more please contact Julia Collard on Tel 241 944.

Valuables and Theft: Following a very recent, and upsetting, theft from St Nicholas Church, we must all be reminded: ***Please do not leave valuables unattended in church at any time.***

PET SERVICE
AT ST GEORGE'S
10 am
Sunday
12th October



Benenden Memorial Hall Bookings: David Collard has now kindly taken this role. David can be contacted via Email: memhallben@gmail.com or Tel: 01580 241 944.



LEARN HOW TO MAKE A CHRISTMAS WREATH

Join us in Sandhurst Mission Church on Saturday 6th December between 10am and 12 noon.

Coffee and biscuits/cake will be provided. You will need to bring your own greenery and decorations. Wire will be supplied. Wreath frames can be bought online or from ESK in Hastings (£2.99) or order one via Katherine O'Neil 01580850159 before 22nd November.

There will be a charge of £5 which will go towards the St Nicholas Church organ fund.

GARDENS OF SANDHURST CALENDAR 2026

Same price of £10 as last year with profits as before going to the St Nicholas Church organ overhaul fund. Please help us reach the total that we need. Copies will be available in November through the church, the shop and Bliss or contact Katherine O'Neil directly on 01580 850159 or 07794 068 373

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