

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 6th September The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 6th September – The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 13.8-end, Matthew 18.15-20

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

Hymns: 6 *Lord, as the day begins*
 725 *Make me a channel of your peace*
 119 *Forgive our sins as we forgive*
 680 *In Christ there is no east or west (HC)*
 27 *Colours of day*

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

led by Sarah Emanuel *Psalm 108. Readings: Ezekiel 12.21-13.16, Acts 19.1-20*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 7 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	6.30 pm	Benenden Community Meeting at Benenden Girls School
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 8 th		No Morning Prayer today
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	1 pm	Funeral of t/l Victor Santer at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium
	7.30 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 9 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 10 th		<i>Revd David's pilgrimage begins</i>
Friday 11 th	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Saturday 12 th	9.30 am - noon	St George's Churchyard Working Party
	10 am – 6 pm	Friends of Kent Churches Ride & Stride

Sunday Next: 13th September – The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 14.1-12, Matthew 18.21-35

8 am 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am MORNING WORSHIP AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

led by David Harmsworth

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Romans 13.8-end

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 18.15-20

¹⁵ 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'



**Revd David's Sponsored Walk
"The Pilgrims' Way" – starts this week!**

From Winchester Cathedral to Canterbury Cathedral, via Guildford Cathedral and a little detour to Rochester Cathedral. This route has been walked by thousands of pilgrims over many, many centuries;

Revd David will be experiencing that pilgrimage.

Length: 147 miles **Duration:** 13 days

Starting: Thursday 10th September
at Winchester Cathedral

Ending: Tuesday 22nd September
at Canterbury Cathedral

If you would like to sponsor Revd David for this walk and raise funds for the St George's Restore: Renew: Rejoice project, please pick up a leaflet.

Sponsorship can be "per mile" or a lump-sum donation.

If you are a UK tax payer and are willing to Gift-Aid your donation it will be enhanced by 25%. Please take a look at the leaflet for full details.

If you are considering joining Revd David for a day's walking, could you please drop him an email to revdavidcommander@gmail.com. You will then be sent an itinerary of where he will be walking from/to each day, and the start time.

The Friends of Kent Churches "Ride & Stride"

Saturday 12th September - 10 am to 6 pm

This is an annual sponsored event run by The Friends of Kent Churches when hundreds of churches and chapels open up to welcome cyclists, walkers and motorised scooterists.

***St George's is participating and
Jo Clube and Richard Stewart have volunteered to ride
on behalf of St George's.***

Please consider sponsoring them.... 50% of all sponsorship money goes directly to the church nominated by a participant, and 50% goes to the Friends of Kent Churches for distribution. St George's has recently received grants from the FoKCh.

Forms and lists of the hundreds of participating churches and chapels are provided, as is advice about good, safe practice. Contact David Harmsworth for more information or to take part.

Please consider sponsoring Jo and Richard. Sponsor forms can be found at the services.

More information here: <https://www.kentrideandstride.co.uk>

Home Groups:

Sandhurst: Meets on Monday 7th September at Sandhurst Mission Church.

Benenden: Next meets on Tuesday 15th September at David & Julia Collard's at 7.30 pm.

Prayers: We hold in our prayers the family and friends of **t/l Victor Santer**. Victor's funeral is at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium at 1 pm on Tuesday 8th September.

Please hold the family of **t/l Dr Claire Grant** in your prayers. Claire died on the 2nd August. Her funeral is at 2.30 pm on Thursday 17th September, at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. The service will be live-streamed. The funeral will have Quaker elements; and as is the case at Quaker Meetings there will be an opportunity for anyone who wishes to stand up and say a few words. After the funeral there will be a Celebration of Life at The Oak Barn, Frame Farm, Iden Green starting at 4.30 pm. (Please RSVP Tom Grant if you intend to go to the Celebration of Life: clairegrantcol@gmail.com)

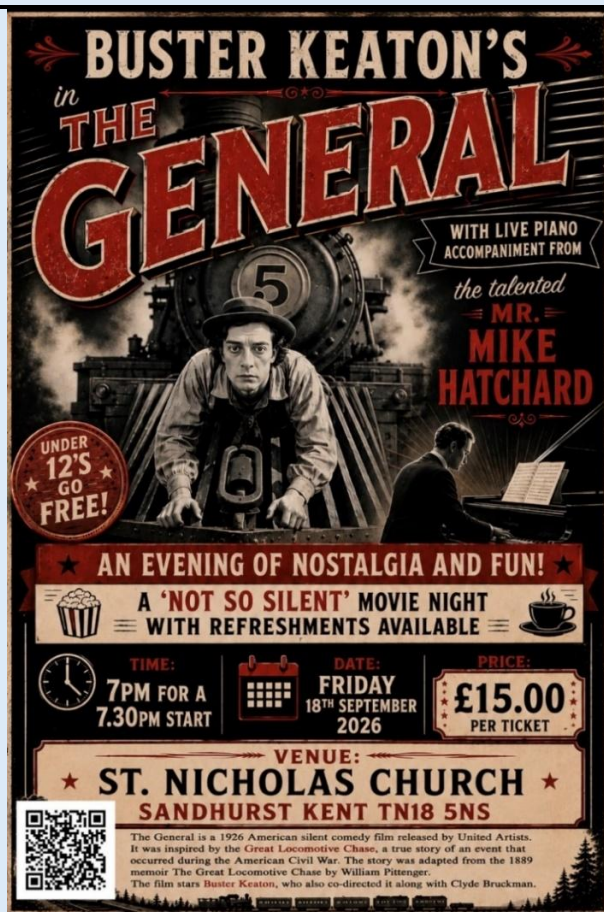
Churchyard Working Party at St George's: Saturday 12th September from 9.30 am to 12 noon. Please do join us if you are able. Dick Hill

Sarah Emanuel: Sarah is to be licensed as a Reader to the Benefice of Benenden and Sandhurst at a service at Canterbury Cathedral on Sunday 27th September, 5.30 pm. It has been a delight to have Sarah and her husband David worshipping with us this past year, and to see Sarah leading and preaching at some of our services. It would be lovely for members of our church family to be at the Cathedral to show their support for Sarah and David as we formally welcome her to our Ministry Team. Russell Anderson, who was with us on a 6-week placement last year, will be licensed as a Reader at the same service. Revd David

Summer Teas: Thank you to everyone who helped with Summer Teas this year. Those who made cakes, helped serve teas on the day and cleared up. Thank you also to those who popped in for tea and chat. We raised over £400 and, more importantly, had a lovely time of fellowship with familiar and unfamiliar faces. Helen

Harvest Lunch: This year we celebrate Harvest on September 27th at the **11am** (note the time) service in the school hall. This will be followed by coffee and our Harvest Lunch. It will be different this year as we will be setting up in the school hall, but Tim Cole has kindly offered to take the lead with help from others, of course. We need to have an idea of numbers so please sign up **ASAP** on sheets available at the services.

We will be serving a hot meal this year but please let us know of any dietary requirements. A minimum donation of £10 per person please (payable on the day) including a glass of wine (further glasses of wine can be purchased) and all profits, as in previous years, will go to *Water Aid*, the charity we traditionally support at this time. (We recently found out for ourselves what being unable to access water is like!! Imagine that being the norm...) Helen



Water for Benenden Action Group



Open public meeting
Benenden Girls School
School Hall
Monday 7th Sept. 2026
6:30 – 8:30pm

Local Pilgrimage Walk – Around Bodiam Saturday 26th September

Meet at Bodiam Castle Car Park - 9.45 am for a 10.00 am start

Come and join us for a gentle pilgrimage through the beautiful countryside around Bodiam. We will follow quiet lanes, footpaths and byways, pausing along the way for short reflections and taking time to appreciate the beauty of creation, enjoy good conversation, and simply walk together. The route is approximately **3½–4 miles**, using mainly off-road paths, and we will

finish back at Bodiam Castle for a well-earned cup of tea and our traditional slice of cake! **Parking:** National Trust members can park free in the castle car park. For non-members, parking costs £5 per vehicle, or free parking may be available in the nearby lay-by or on the road opposite the castle. **Please note:** The route includes several stiles and may not be suitable for dogs. Everyone is welcome – whether you're a regular pilgrim or joining us for the first time. We look forward to walking with you. **We would love to walk with you - if you have further questions please get in touch with Revd David, 07710 416978,**

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Revd David and Lyn Hayes

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