

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 14th June The Second Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son 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 14th June – The Second Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 5.1-8, Matthew 9.35-10.8

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

led by Revd David Commander

10 am MORNING WORSHIP AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

led by David Harmsworth

Hymns: 814 *Thy hand O God has guided*
 823 *He who would valiant be*
 787 *Take my life and let it be*
 477 *Go forth and tell*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 15 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	5.30 pm	Archdeacons' Visitation Service
		Choral Evensong at Canterbury Cathedral
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 16 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander <i>No Benenden Home Group in June</i>
		<i>No Morning Prayer today</i>
Wednesday 17 th	9 – 11 am	Drop in Café & Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.30 – 11.30 am	Friends of Kent Churches Grants Committee visit St George's
	7 for 7.30 pm	Central Weald Filling Station at Staplehurst Free Church
	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 18 th	10 – 11.30 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7 pm	Choir Practice at Iden Green Congregational Church
Friday 19 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church

Sunday Next: 21st June – The Third Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 6.1b-11, Matthew 10.24-39

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

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am SUNG EUCHARIST AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

led by Revd David Commander & Sarah Emanuel

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Romans 5.1-8

⁵Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we^d also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Matthew 9.35-10.8

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

¹⁰Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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 date will be confirmed when decided.

Teas in the Churchyard at St Nicholas: Lots of people braved the weather to come and visit the Churchyard. They were greeted by a blustery wind and a warm welcome inside the church. A huge thank you to all those who baked, set up, washed up, cleared up and sorted out. The cakes were piled high and quickly went down. Visitors seemed very happy with the delicious variety of cakes and tea on offer. Many settled down and stayed to chat to everyone who passed through. We even had a couple who had been married at St Nicholas 40 years before and were happy to visit it to celebrate. Lots of friendly chat and the event raised over £400 for St Nicholas. With thanks to all those involved and to all those who visited. CE

Revd Ylva wishes to warmly thank everyone who came to her last service in the Benefice, and particularly to all who organised it and made it such a joyful and deeply meaningful event. Also, a special thanks for the generous farewell present of a £100 gift card for Waterstones - that's a lot of enjoyable reading! We will no doubt see each other somewhere in the future, but until then - have a wonderful and enjoyable summer!

Archdeacons' Visitation Service

Choral Evensong at Canterbury Cathedral - 5.30pm on Monday 15th June
At this service your newly elected Churchwardens will be sworn into office.
Please come along to support them.

Sunday 31st May - Confirmation service at St. Michael and All Angels, Marden
Julia Smith, Sienna Jones, and Claire Hughes, with Bishop Rose.
A lovely, joyful celebration.



Loss & Grief Café - Time to share & reflect

Saturday 27th June
10 am to 12 noon

**at the Mission Church, Back
Road, Sandhurst TN18 5JU**



Coming to terms with the loss of someone we love can feel overwhelming and deeply personal. Even when we know they are at peace, grief can bring many different emotions — sadness, loneliness, confusion, anger, or simply a sense of missing them deeply.

We warmly invite you to join us for a gentle and supportive morning where we can explore grief together through conversation, readings, and simple crafting activities. This will be a safe and welcoming space where you can talk, listen, reflect, or simply be alongside others who understand.

Sometimes it helps to share with people who have experienced loss themselves, and sometimes it is enough just to know that someone is there to listen.

For more information or to book your free place, please contact
Lyn Hayes on: 07792 332 904 or email: lindapin@aol.com

Central Weald Filling Station - NOTE THE VENUE CHANGE!

Wednesday 16th June - 7pm
at STAPLEHURST FREE CHURCH
 Station Rd, Staplehurst. TN12 0QQ

Our June meeting will be an evening of worship and ministry with Graham Kendrick and a team from Tunbridge Wells. Who remembers last year?

That was an evening of special encouragement with songs new and familiar, but each having a vivid prophetic reason why that night was the night to sing them. We were led in an immensely sensitive and prophetic way. What will this year be like? A summer evening of worship and wonder perhaps. We hope to see you there!

'CONNECT FOUR'

Our informal family service

4 pm - Saturday 27th June
at Sandhurst Mission Church
Back Road, TN18 5JU



Come along and connect with:

- family and friends
- tea, coffee, cake
- the Bible - worship
- and God!

Refreshments throughout

⚓ 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
 Refreshments available

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