

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 21st June The Third Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 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

Hymns:

765	<i>Praise to the Lord, the almighty</i>
709	<i>Light of the minds that know him</i>
330	<i>Do not be afraid for I have redeemed you</i>
763	<i>Praise to the holiest in the height</i>
702	<i>Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us</i>

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 22 nd	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	4 pm	Benenden Churchwardens' meeting at the Rectory
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 23 rd	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 in June</i>
	2 pm	RRR Contractor's meeting
Wednesday 24 th	7.30 pm	Fete – debrief meeting – venue tbc
	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	9 – 11 am	Drop in Café & Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Thursday 25 th	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Bellringing Practice at <i>St Nicholas (4th Wednesday of the month)</i>
	10 – 11.30 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at Sandhurst Mission Church
Friday 26 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Saturday 27 th	10 am – 12 noon	'Grief Talks' at Sandhurst Mission Church
	4 pm	CONNECT FOUR – Family Service – at Sandhurst Mission Church

Sunday Next: 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

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Romans 6.1b-11

^{6.2b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 10.24-39

²⁴ 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴ 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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.

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.

Help needed with Summer Teas: There are still one or two gaps throughout July and August for helping with Summer Teas. Both with making cakes and helping serve tea. Please speak with me over coffee if you think you can help. The particular dates are July 19th and August 2nd. Helen Commander

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

‘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

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!

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