

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 13th 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 13th June – The Second Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 2 Cor. 5.6-10 & 14-17, Mark 4.26-34

- 8 am** **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Lyn Hayes & Revd David Commander
- 10 am** **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS, SANDHURST**
led by Lyn Hayes & Revd David Commander

THE WEEK AHEAD

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| Monday 14 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at St George's and via Zoom |
| Tuesday 15 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church and via Zoom |
| | 10 am | Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church
led by Revd David Commander |
| Wednesday 16 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church and via Zoom |
| Thursday 17 th | 7 pm | Choir Practice |
| Friday 18 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at St George's and via Zoom |
| | 9 am | Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's |
| Saturday 19 th | 12 noon | Funeral & Interment of t/l Gillian South at St George's |

Sunday Next: 20th June – The Third Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 2 Cor. 6.1-13, Mark 4.35-41

- 8 am** **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS, SANDHURST**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Revd David Commander
- 10 am** **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**
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2 Cor. 5.6-10

⁶ So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

2 Cor 5.14-17

¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Mark 4.26-34 The Parable of the Growing Seed

²⁶ He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³⁰ He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

The Use of Parables

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Prayers:

Gillian South: A short service followed by committal and interment of t/l Gill South will take place at St George's on Saturday 19th June. Please hold Anthony and the family in your prayers. (Gill and Anthony used to live at the Livery Stables.)

John Cyster passed away on the 19th May, at home. His funeral will take place at St George's on Wednesday 30th June. Please hold Anne in your prayers, and also William, Edward, Sarah and Richard.

Patricia Longley: Pat passed away, peacefully, on Monday 7th June; she was comfortable and at peace with everything when Rosemary and Ylva visited her a few days before. She will be sadly missed by the church family and community in Sandhurst. Pat's funeral is to take place on Friday 25th June, 11am, at St Nicholas Church. (Hopefully all restrictions will have been lifted by then, but we await the latest Government announcement.) Please hold Pat's family in your prayers at this time.

Morning Prayer on a Wednesday will be reverting to the Mission Church from 16th June. The pattern, from Monday, will be as follows: Monday and Friday at St George's Church; Tuesday and Wednesday at the Mission Church. You are welcome to join me at 8am, either in person or via Zoom, at any of these Morning Prayers. Revd David. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3971102878?pwd=UkpkY2R2Z1lXbmJqNUdzdzB2RVZUUT09>
Meeting ID: 397 110 2878 Passcode: 658989)

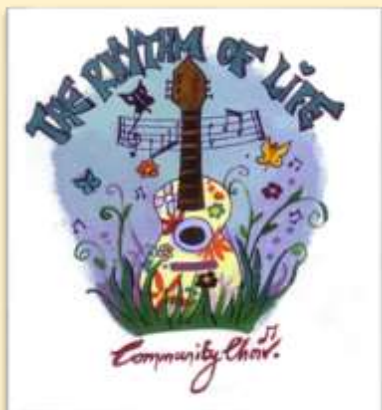
Revd Ylva's ordination service is to take place on Saturday 3rd July, at 12 noon at Holy Trinity Church in Folkestone. Spaces are, unfortunately, restricted to 14 guests per ordinand - including Ylva's family. The service is however being streamed live on Zoom. Please join Ylva, via Zoom, for her priesting service if you are able. And also hold Ylva in your prayers for her ordination "retreat" as she prepares herself for her priesting. The link for the service is: <https://zoom.us/j/91887117748>

Bishop Rose is visiting the Weald Deanery on Tuesday 22nd June. She will be spending the day with various Incumbents around the Deanery and spending time in some schools. In the evening there is an opportunity to worship with the Bishop and engage in an open Question & Answers session. (This will generally be focussed on the Diocese Report, "Towards a Flourishing and Sustainable Future". This is available on the church websites.) Everyone is welcome to attend at St Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook; the service is at 7pm; the Q&A from 7:30-8:15pm.

Planned Giving Secretary: Clive Turner is standing down from this role after many years service, and we need to find someone to take on this task. It is hugely important to our church finances, as it allows us to reclaim the Gift-Aid amongst other things. (It's only a few hours a month.) If you'd like to find out more, please speak to Clive (240649) or to Charles Trollope (240821). Thank you.

Notification of Advice for application for a path across churchyard and Glebe following existing right of way: There is a public notice on the north door of the church regarding a Faculty Petition for this pathway. Please take time to read it and, if you have any questions, please address them to David Collard, Julia Collard or Revd David. Thank you.

Cakes and Chaos Toddler Group meets in St George's on Fridays in term time from 9 to 11 am. Masks must be worn and hands sanitised on entry and departure, but do come along and meet other parents, carers, childminders and grandparents. Share your lockdown experiences over a cup of tea or freshly made coffee. Please message Helen if you are new and would like further details: helenjcommander@gmail.com. Or just come along at any time between 9 and 11. There will be a very warm welcome waiting for you.



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Teas at St Nicholas
Saturday 26th June: 2.30 pm to 5 pm



**Subject to Covid regulations, afternoon teas will be served
in St Nicholas Churchyard on Saturday 26th June.**

**Come and enjoy the beauty and views of the churchyard;
meet old friends and see where we plan to have our new
Garden of Remembrance.**

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