

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

**Collect:** Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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: 22<sup>nd</sup> August – The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

*Readings: Ephesians 6.10-20, John 6.56-69*

**8 am HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**

led by Revd David Commander

**10 am HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS**

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen & Revd David Commander

12.30 pm Interment of t/l Patricia McHale at St George's

### THE WEEK AHEAD

|                            |               |   |
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| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>    | 8 am          | Morning Prayer at St George's   |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>   | 8 am          | Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church                                |
|                            | 10 am         | Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church<br>led by Revd David Commander |
|                            | 2.30 pm       | Memorial Service: Shirley Gooseman at St George's                         |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> | 8 am          | Morning Prayer at St George's   |
|                            | 10 – 11.30 am | Coffee Shop at Benenden Memorial Hall                                     |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>  | 10 – 11.30 am | Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's                             |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>    | 8 am          | Morning Prayer at St George's   |
| Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>  | 1 pm          | Wedding of Sophie Barker & Jordan Heim at St George's                     |

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August – The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

*Readings: James 1.17-end, Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, & 21-23*

**8 am HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS**  
led by David Harmsworth & Revd David Commander

**10 am HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**  
led by Lyn Hayes, David Harmsworth & Revd David Commander

12.30 pm Interment of t/l David and Margaret Presgrave at St George's

## **Readings – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

### **Ephesians 6.10-20**

#### **The Whole Armour of God**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

### **John 6.56-69**

<sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

#### **The Words of Eternal Life**

<sup>60</sup> When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

<sup>66</sup> Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

**Covid restrictions:** Over the last few weeks of the eased Covid restrictions and guidelines in church, it is apparent that the vast majority are happy to sit together and sing. We are therefore, from this Sunday, opening up the whole of the central nave as an area where social distancing and the wearing of face coverings is optional. The area on the far right hand side (south side) of the church will be the "safe zone" for those who would prefer to be socially distanced and/or wearing face coverings or not singing. Please respect the feelings of everyone as they come to worship together.

**More books from Dick Dengate:** Some of you will no doubt be aware that the Revd Dick Dengate has already had books published. Indeed, you may already own one or more of them. However, he has recently produced two more books – 'A Sundry Array of Pictures. Thoughts and Songs' (Reflecting a life of Farming, Family and Faith) and also 'Around the World with Irene' (A million shared memories from journeys around the world with my wife). The latter is a collection of photographs. These are available to purchase at a cost of £7.50 each. Dick would be happy to donate £2.50 of this to the church. The remainder will go towards the cost of the initial printing. If you would like to buy a copy of one or both of these please contact Katherine O'Neil – 01580 850159.

**Harvest Festival at St George's is on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.** This year it has been decided to have a buffet/ ploughman's lunch at the back of the church after the morning service (which will be at 11am). A small group will be set up to arrange and prepare the lunch. Further details will be available a little later. Please put a note in your diary. David Collard.

### **Funerals & Memorial Services**

**t/l Shirley Gooseman:** A Memorial Service to celebrate Shirley's life will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 2.30pm, at St George's Church.

**t/l Patrick Conway:** Revd Rosemary will be conducting Patrick's funeral service at St George's Church at 3pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September. The service will be followed by the committal and burial in the church yard.

**t/l Charles Lenox- Conyngham:** Revd Andrew Lenox-Conyngham will be conducting a Memorial Service for his brother, Charles, on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon at St George's Church.

**Everyone is welcome to attend these services. We keep the families in our prayers at this time. Revd David**



**The Oast Houses Christian Retreat Centre in Northiam welcomes around 2,800 guests each year and offers Christian hospitality to groups. We are seeking to make several appointments to expand the size of our existing team:**

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For more information, please phone or email the General Manager at:

#### **The Oast Houses Christian Retreat Centre**

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13<sup>th</sup>. Season of RBD Piano Recitals for Hospice in the Weald.

On Tuesday September 14<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm. in Sandhurst we will have our first performance by a piano duo, featuring Emma Abbate and Julian Perkins. They will be playing a wide selection of music including works by Debussy, MacDowell and Amy Beach.

For further information please call Gillian Davis 01580-850384.

Tickets in advance only. (minimum donation £18)

At our last garden party recital in July, we raised £720 for Hospice in the Weald, so we look forward to some more good results in September. Gillian Davis

# COFFEE SHOP

at the Memorial Hall

**every Wednesday**

10 am to 11.30 am

Please come along for a chat, coffee and refreshments

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