

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Our Worship Sunday 15th July Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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.

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION
led by Revd Craig Huxley

10.00 am SUNG EUCHARIST
led by Revd Craig Huxley

Bible Readings:
Ephesians 1.3-14
Mark 6.14-29

HYMNS	
194	Alleluia hearts to heaven
698	King of glory
702	Lead us heavenly Father
Communion anthem	Stainer God so loved the world
Communion hymn 618	Come thou fount of every blessing

THE WEEK AHEAD

**Revd David returns from holiday on Monday 16th July.
Should you need the services of a priest during his absence,
please contact your Churchwardens:
Julia Collard Tel: 241 944 or Mr Tracy Claridge Tel: 240 454**

Monday 16 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	BPS Assembly
Tuesday 17 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	8.00 pm	Home Group at Julia & David Collard's
Wednesday 18 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 19 th	9.30 – 11.30 am	BPS Music Lessons at St George's
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing (All Saints, Maidstone)
Friday 20 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	Cakes & Chaos
	1.15 pm	BPS Leavers' Service
	6.45 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
	8.00 pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St George's

Sunday Next: 22nd July – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Communion led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am Morning Worship & Baptism led by Revd David Commander

4.00 pm Messy Church/Alpha BBQ & Praise led by Revd David Commander

Readings: Sunday 15th July

Ephesians 1.3-14

Spiritual Blessings in Christ

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ* before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance,* having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this* is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Mark 6.14-29

The Death of John the Baptist

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus'* name had become known. Some were* saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' ¹⁵But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod* had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed;* and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias* came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' ²³And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's* head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Home Groups:

The Benenden Tuesday Home Group meets at 8pm at David & Julia Collard's.

The Wednesday Home Group meets at 7.30pm at Sandhurst Mission Church.

Church Fete - Toys galore! Thank you, everyone, for your support of the Church Fete the other week. We have a huge amount of toys left over from this; they are on pallets in the front garden of the Rectory! If you would like to see if there is anything you would like for your child or grandchild, please just come across and help yourself. If you could take some of it away to local charity shops - that would be great. **It has all got to go!** Some of the toys are not worth keeping; if you could take a bag and put it in your bin (or a boot-load and take to the tip) that would be **greatly** appreciated. I'm really hoping some of you might be able to help clear our front garden!!! Many thanks. Revd David.

July Benefice Services
Please note correct information!

29th July is a Benefice Service Sunday:

8 o'clock - Benefice Communion at St Nicholas, Sandhurst

10 o'clock - All Age Communion at St George's

***Please note these are the correct venues and times
- ie not as per the Benenden village magazine. Apologies!***

Confirmation: Are you interested in being Confirmed? Do you want to know what Confirmation is about? Would you like to take part fully in the Eucharist and receive Communion? If so, please speak to Revd David. Also put this advance date in your diary now: Sunday 23rd September 2018. We may have a few people interested in being Confirmed this year, so there will also be safety in numbers! And it doesn't matter what your age is. Just let me know if you are interested. Revd David.



This month
SUNDAY 22ND JULY
we meet
at the Rectory
from 4 to 6pm.

**Do join us for a summer BBQ and
come celebrate with our
Messy Church family.
All Welcome!**

**10th Annual Richard Beattie Davis Sandhurst Musical Event
for Hospice in the Weald**

SATURDAY JULY 28th at 3pm. Oliver Davies (pf) and Adrian Bradbury (cello) will be performing at this year's garden party event.

The interesting programme will feature various Russian and other composers.
Reservations in advance only (minimum donation £17) from Gillian Davis 01580-850384

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