

# The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

## Our Worship Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 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.

**8.00 am**      **HOLY COMMUNION**  
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

**10.00 am**      **SUNG EUCHARIST**  
led by Revd David Commander

**Bible Readings:**  
Ephesians 5.15-20  
John 6.51-58

HYMNS	
9	When morning gilds the skies
584	All my hope on God is founded
337	Source and fount of all creation
460	Communion hymn - O thou who at the Eucharist
454	Love is his word - Communion hymn
739i	Now thank we all our God

12.30 pm      Baptism of Emilia Kaczmarek at St George's

### THE WEEK AHEAD

***Revd David is on holiday from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August inclusive. Should you require the services of a priest during this time please contact your Churchwardens:  
Mrs Julia Collard Tel 241 944 or Mr Tracy Claridge Tel 240 454.***

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	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
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	11.00 am	Interment at St George's <b><i>No Wednesday Home Group (summer break until 5<sup>th</sup> Sept)</i></b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St George's <b><i>No Morning Prayer today</i></b>
	6.45 pm	Choir Practice

### Sunday Next: 26<sup>th</sup> August – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

**8.00 am**      **Holy Communion** led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

**10.00 am**      **Morning Worship & Baptism** led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

**Readings: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August**

***Ephesians 5.15-20***

<sup>15</sup> Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***John 6.51-58***

<sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

<sup>52</sup> The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'

<sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <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.'

**Home Groups:**

**The Tuesday Home Group meets in Benenden.** Our Tuesday Home Group explores the Acts of the Apostles looking at the history, where the stories took place and how and why people's lives were changed and how the early church developed, with many parallels between them and our lives today! All are welcome. There is no commitment to come every week. Give Home Group a try. We meet at David and Julia Collard's at 8pm.

**The Wednesday Home Group** is taking a break over the summer period. **The Wednesday group next meets on 5<sup>th</sup> September, at 7.30pm at Sandhurst Mission Church.**

**Deanery Synod Meeting: 7.30pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September** at St Mary's Church, Frittenden. After Synod business **there will be an Open Meeting at 8.00pm, to which anyone is invited to attend.** The Guest Speaker will be Revd Steve Coneys, Diocesan Mission & Growth Adviser.

**Friends of Kent Churches Annual Bike Ride & Stride: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 10am-6pm.** This is a sponsored cycle ride, walk or even a drive - for the less hardy - around Kent raising money for Friends of Kent Churches and your local church. This year Geoff Davidson is riding and seeking sponsorship. Please contact Alison Prall Tel 240417 for more information or to take part yourself. Or visit [www.friendsofkentchurches.co.uk](http://www.friendsofkentchurches.co.uk).

**Sandhurst Mini Market & Grand Draw:**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November from 10am at Sandhurst Mission Church.**

This is St Nicholas' main fund raising event. Please support it. Grand Draw Tickets will be on sale in September.

## Starfish Malawi

Get involved in

### *Blackboards for Classrooms*

Following our really successful project, Desks4Classrooms, last year, for which we thank you for supporting in an amazing way, raising nearly £9,000, this year we are again in the classroom but aiming to resource the teachers by providing good quality blackboards.

Many teachers in the Primary schools in Malawi are hampered in their teaching by the lack of basic resources, such as decent blackboards to write on and chalk to write with.

This detracts from effective teaching and, despite their efforts to work hard, hampers the progress of the Malawi children.

We aim to tackle this problem by seeking to resource all classrooms in 10 schools with new blackboards, which will be made of thick plaster on the wall, painted with blackboard paint and have a concrete shelf for chalk and erasers. We will also resource up to 13 outside classes per school with wooden framed blackboards.

We are able to have the blackboards made locally in Malawi at a cost of £30 each.

Are you able to partner with us in this project so that the teachers will be able to teach more effectively and the children reach their full potential?

We have called the project “*Blackboards 4 Classrooms*” and really hope that with your help we can achieve our goal of equipping the schools with such a basic resource.

If you can you help ....

Please visit our Just Giving page at  
[www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/starfishmalawi/B4C](http://www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/starfishmalawi/B4C)  
to donate to this project. Thank You.

Kind Regards,  
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**Sandhurst Musical events for Hospice in the Weald:** On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September pianist Alexander Karpeyev will be performing a programme of Russian music, to include Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov and Rimsky Korsakov, in Sandhurst for Hospice in the Weald. Reservations in advance only (minimum donation £15) from Gillian Davis 01580 850384.



The Oast Houses Christian Retreat Centre welcomes around 2,800 guests each year and offers Christian hospitality to groups. We are seeking to make several appointments:

- SENIOR HOUSEKEEPER (Monday, Thursday and Friday, 9am – 3.30pm)
- HOUSEKEEPER (Monday and Friday, 9am – 1pm)
- ADMIN ASSISTANT (Wednesday 9am – 3.30pm plus annual leave cover)

Excellent rates of pay offered. Opportunities to pick up extra kitchen duties may be available.


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

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St George's Church has a new website: [www.benendenchurch.org](http://www.benendenchurch.org)

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All items for the weekly notices should be sent to [benendenchurch@gmail.com](mailto:benendenchurch@gmail.com) by 10am the preceding Wednesday please.