

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Our Worship Sunday 9th September Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 **1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION**
led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am **MORNING WORSHIP**
led by David Harmsworth

Bible Readings:
James 2.1-10 & 14-17
Mark 7.24-37

HYMNS	
748	O Jesus I have promised
135	Take up thy cross
2	Christ whose glory
763	Praise to the holiest

5.00 pm **EVENING PRAYER AT SANDHURST MISSION CHURCH**
led by Revd David Commander
Psalm 119.41-56. Readings: Exodus 14.5-end, Matthew 6.1-18

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 10 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	BPS Assembly
	7.30 pm	Benenden Worship Group meeting
	8.00 pm	FoSG meeting at Crit Hall Cottage
Tuesday 11 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
Wednesday 12 th	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
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Thursday 13 th	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St George's
	9.30 – 11.30 am	BPS music lessons at St George's
	7.30 pm	Deanery Synod meeting at St Mary's, Frittenden
Friday 14 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's
	12.30 pm	Churchwardens' meeting at the Mission Church
	3.00 pm	BPS Assembly
	5.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday 15 th	6.45 pm	Choir Practice
	12.00 – 4.00 pm	BPS Family Cricket Day
	2.30 pm	Wedding of Anna Cruse and Jonathan Marsh

Sunday Next: 16th September – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Communion led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10.00 am Sung Eucharist led by Revd David Commander

4.00 pm Messy Church at St George's led by Revd Iori Price

Home Groups:

The Tuesday Home Group meets in Benenden. Our Tuesday Home Group continues to explore 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 meets at 7.30pm at Sandhurst Mission Church. The Wednesday Home Group is also exploring the Acts of the Apostles.

Deanery Synod Meeting: 7.30pm on Thursday 13th 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.

St George's Church Harvest Lunch

Sunday 7 October, Benenden Village Hall,
12.30-3pm

The Harvest Lunch will follow the Harvest Festival Service which will start at 11am.

The menu includes smoked salmon terrine, chicken & gammon salad with new potatoes (vegetarian option available), lemon tart with fresh berries & cream. Tea, coffee & mints.

Soft drinks are included. Wine & beer will be available to buy.

Always a popular occasion, so buy your tickets early (adults £7, under 12s £3.50) from:

Benenden's Community Shop, in Church or from
Lesley Attwood 243318 lesley.attwood@sky.com

Everyone Welcome

Prayers:

Cyril Cooling passed away on the 18th August, leaving this world peacefully at 7am having woken for the morning and then quietly fallen asleep again. The funeral service will take place on Monday 24th September at 2pm at Inverness Crematorium. Please hold David, Trevor, Richard and Vanessa in your prayers.

Martin Oldaker passed away on the 19th August. His funeral will take place at St George's on Wednesday 26th September starting at 2pm, followed by a burial in the churchyard. Please hold Tessa in your prayers; Martin's death was very unexpected.

Confirmation Service: The Deanery Confirmation Service takes place at 3pm on Sunday 23rd September at St Mary's Frittenden. We have three candidates from the Benefice: Deborah Jenkins and Kirsten Lindsay from Benenden and Vicki Young from Sandhurst. If you would like to come to the service to support them, you would be very welcome. Please hold Deborah, Kirsten and Vicki in your prayers.

Commemoration Services: St George's: Friday 2nd November at 7.30pm & St Nicholas: Sunday 4th November at 10am. For each Parish we will be reading out the names of those who have departed over the last three years. Should you wish the names of any additional loved ones to be read out please email benendenchurch@gmail.com or telephone the Benefice Office on 01580 850 849 at any time (answerphone available).

**Sandhurst Mini Market & Grand Draw:
Saturday 17th 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.

Sandhurst Musical Event for Hospice in the Weald - Wednesday 12th 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.

St George's Church has a new website: www.benendenchurch.org

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Readings: Sunday 9th September

James 2.1-10 & 14-17

Warning against Partiality

²My brothers and sisters,* do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet',* ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters.* Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸ You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.[¹¹For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery', also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.]

Faith without Works Is Dead

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters,* if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Mark 7.24-end

The Syrophenician Woman's Faith

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre.* He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.

²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁸But she answered him, 'Sir,* even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' ²⁹Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Jesus Cures a Deaf Man

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus* ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

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