

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Our Worship – Sunday 23rd June

First Sunday after Trinity

Collect: O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 David Commander

10.00 am MORNING WORSHIP
led by Jacqueline Hewitt & Karen Booth-Clibborn

Bible Readings:

Galatians 3.23-29,
Luke 8.26-39

| HYMNS | |
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| 291 | Christ is made the sure foundation |
| 507 | We have a gospel to proclaim |
| 541 | Lord of beauty |
| 593 | At the name of Jesus |

The Week Ahead

Revd David will be on holiday from the 24th – 26th June inclusive.

Should you require a priest during this time please contact your Churchwardens:

Tracy Claridge Tel 01580 240 454 or David Collard Tel 01580 241 944

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| Monday 24 th | 9.00 am | BPS Assembly |
| Tuesday 25 th | 10.00 am | Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen |
| Wednesday 26 th | 8.00 pm | Home Group at David & Julia Collard's |
| | 7.30 pm | Home Group - Well Being Group at Sandhurst Mission Church |
| Thursday 27 th | 7.45 pm | Bell Ringing Practice |
| | 9.30-11.30 am | BPS Music Lessons |
| Friday 28 th | 8.00 am | Morning Prayer |
| | 9.00 am | Cakes & Chaos |
| | 3.00 pm | BPS Assembly |
| | 5.30 pm | Wedding Rehearsal |
| | 6.45 pm | Choir Practice |
| Saturday 29 th | 8.00 pm | Bell Ringing Practice – tbc |
| | 9.30 – noon | Churchyard Working Party |
| | 2.00 pm | Wedding of Jack Marshall & Amber Mason |

Sunday Next: 30th June – Second Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Galatians 5.1, 13-25, Luke 9.51-62

8.00 am Benefice Holy Communion at St Nicholas Sandhurst
led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am Benefice Service at St George's
led by Revd David Commander

Readings: Sunday 23rd June

Galatians 3.23-29

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Luke 8.26-39

Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac

²⁶ Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— ²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Home Groups: The Tuesday Home Group usually meets at 8pm at David and Julia Collard's, 7 Fuggles Court but on Tuesday 2nd July will meet at Tim and Diane Bentley's, Maple Leaf Cottage, Mill Street, Iden Green, The Wednesday Home Group meets at 7.30pm at Sandhurst Mission Church. The meeting on Wednesday 26th June is the Wellbeing Group. All are welcome to both Home Groups.

Prayers:

Joy Bates. The details have now been arranged for Joy's funeral. On Thursday 4th July there will be a private service at 2.00pm at a local crematorium - this is for family only. The Committal service will be followed by a Thanksgiving service at St George's at 3.15pm. (I advise folk to arrive in good time to minimise any issues with the Primary School pick-up). There will be refreshments served at the back of church following the service. Please continue to hold Joy's family in your prayers.

Matthew Mortimer. The funeral of Matthew will take place at St George's on Monday 1st July at 11am. Please hold Val, Charlotte and Helen in your prayers. Revd David

There is a Churchyard Working Party at St George's next Saturday 29th June from 9.30 am to noon. Please do join us if you are able. DH

Benefice Services: Sunday 30th June

**8am Benefice Communion at St Nicholas, Sandhurst
10am All Age Communion at St George's, Benenden**

**'Raising Faith' – Conference at St Mary's Church, Goudhurst
Saturday 29th June 2019 from 9.30am to 4.15pm**

This conference is aimed at church leaders, youth workers, parents, grandparents, teachers - everyone with a concern for the future faith of our children and young people.

Speakers include Ali Campbell, from The Resource,
Jo Squires from Youth for Christ and Gareth Hillier from Care for the Family.

Tickets are £20 each, including lunch and refreshments.

See <http://bit.ly/raisingfaith> for details and to book. Booklets & posters in church.

Proposed Relocation of Memorial Plaque



The above plaque is on the wall at the west end of St George's Church. The PCC are discussing with the Archdeacon the possibility of having this plaque moved to the north wall of the bellringing chamber as it concerns the rehung of the bells in 1971. In order to do this we have been asked to contact any known descendants of the Vicar and Churchwardens as shown on the plaque. Obviously, we know about Robert Reynolds' family, but does anyone in the village know of any family members of Lionel Man and Revd Jessop Price? We do have some information but no contact details. If anyone can help us please contact Julia Collard on 01580 241944.

Flower Festival
at St Peter's Church, Newenden
Friday 28th – Sunday 30th June
Opening Times and Programme

Friday

7.00 pm Welcome by Rev Chris Hodgkins and refreshments
 7.30 pm Talk by Åke Nilson on the history of Saint Peter's Church
 Tickets £5 to include a welcoming drink and canapés

Saturday *Church open 10.30 am - 5.30 pm*

Stalls in the church yard

10.30 - 11.30 am Morning coffee
 11.00 am Coffee with Jane Ashton, the former High Sheriff of Kent
 1.00 & 3.00 pm Guided tours of the flower themes and readings by
 Ellen Hannavy-Cousen
 3.00 - 5.00 pm Cream teas
 7.30 pm An evening of musical entertainment with the Andy Ferguson
 Jazz Trio, and young singers performing songs from the West End
 Tickets £7.50 to include a welcoming drink and canapés

Sunday *Church open 10.30 am - 5.30 pm*

Stalls in the church yard

10.30 - 11.30 am Morning coffee
 3.00 - 5.00 pm Cream teas and music



**11th Annual Richard Beattie Davis Sandhurst Musical Events
 for Hospice in the Weald... On SATURDAY JULY 27th at 3pm**

Daniel Grimwood will be performing at this year's garden party event.

The interesting programme will consist of Dvorak, Brahms, Henselt and a Kent premiere of a special piece where the piano resembles a sitar, composed by Daniel's mentor, Peter Feuchtwanger.

Tickets by donation (minimum £17)

Reservations in advance only from Gillian Davis 01580-850384

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