

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

**Collect:** Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

8 am	<b>1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION</b> led by Revd David Commander <i>Readings: 2 Timothy 2.8-15, Luke 17.11-19</i>
10 am	<b>'PET SERVICE'</b> led by Revd David Commander <i>Readings: Genesis 1:24-27 &amp; 31, Matthew 6:25-33</i> <i>Hymns:</i> 532 <i>All creatures of our God and king</i> 533 <i>All things bright and beautiful</i> 656 <i>He's got the whole world in his hand</i> HON 241 <i>If I were a butterfly</i>

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	11.30 am	Churchwardens' meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church <i>No Benenden Home Group this week</i>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7 pm	Discipleship & Mission Group meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
	7 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing Quarter Peal Attempt (Third Friday of the month)

### Sunday Next: 19<sup>th</sup> October – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

*Readings: 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5, Luke 18.1-8*

8 am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
10 am	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> led by Revd David Commander with Sarah Emanuel preaching

## **Readings: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October – 10 am St George's Pet Service**

### **Genesis 1.24-27 & 31**

<sup>1.24</sup> And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

<sup>27</sup> So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

### **Matthew 6.25-33**

<sup>6.25</sup> 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

### **Home Groups:**

**Sandhurst Home Group:** Meets on Mondays, at 7.30 pm, at Sandhurst Mission Church.

**Benenden Home Group:** Next meets on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October, at 7.30 pm, at David & Julia Collard's.

### **Harvest Service and Lunch:**

Thank you to all who supported the above. A large quantity of food items were donated to Nourish and an amazing sum of £515 will be forwarded to Water Aid. Thank you to those who helped in any way on Sunday providing a delicious lunch. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. Helen and David

### **Sad News & Prayers**

David Barnes passed away this morning, at home with Ann and daughter Katie with him. We give thanks to God for David's life and his contribution to the life and worship at St. George's Church; and we hold Ann, Katie and Stephen in our prayers.

Details of David's funeral will, of course, be made known once the arrangements have been made. Revd David

**Brass Cleaning:** Now is the time to start cleaning the church brass once more in preparation for Christmas. We would be pleased to welcome a few more to our group. We start on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 9 am and continue meeting once a week until the brass is finished. If you would like to know more please contact Julia Collard on Tel 241 944.

**Charity Number: 1206913**

# Canterbury Cathedral

Canterbury Cathedral and The Diocese of Canterbury are delighted at the announcement of Sarah Mullally as the 106<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Canterbury.

We look forward to welcoming Sarah into our worshipping community and to working closely with her in shared ministry.

Please join us in welcoming and praying for the 106<sup>th</sup> Archbishop,  
her family and friends.

David Monteith  
Dean of Canterbury

+ Rose Hudson-Wilkin  
Bishop of Dover

*"Washing feet has shaped my Christian vocation as a nurse, then a priest, then a bishop. In the apparent chaos which surrounds us, in the midst of such profound global uncertainty, the possibility of healing lies in acts of kindness and love. With humility and grace, we uphold and support those in need of our help. We do this to the best of our ability, in small ways and big, according to our own very particular gifts." Address by The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury Designate, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025.*

## **‘CONNECT FOUR’**

**Our informal family service**

**4pm - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

**at Sandhurst Mission Church, Back Road TN18 5JU**



**Come along and connect with:**

- family and friends - tea, coffee, cake
- the Bible - worship - and God!

**Refreshments throughout.**

**Valuables and Theft:** Following a very recent, and upsetting, theft from St Nicholas Church, we must all be reminded: ***Please do not leave valuables unattended in church at any time.***

### **Benefice All Souls' Day Service**

**7.30 pm, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at St George's.**

If you would like the name of a loved one read out, there is a form for requests at the back of church. Or please email your request to Cathy at

[benendenchurch@gmail.com](mailto:benendenchurch@gmail.com)

**Eleanor Cochrane will be collecting raffle prizes for the Friends of St George's Quiz Night on 28<sup>th</sup> November.** If you run a business that could give a prize, or have something you would like to donate, please get in touch at [Eleanor.cochrane@btinternet.com](mailto:Eleanor.cochrane@btinternet.com)



### **LEARN HOW TO MAKE A CHRISTMAS WREATH**

**Join us in Sandhurst Mission Church  
on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
from 10am to 12 noon.**

**Coffee and biscuits/cake will be provided.**

**You will need to bring your own greenery and  
decorations. Wire will be supplied.**

**Wreath frames can be bought online or from ESK in  
Hastings (£2.99) or order one via Katherine O'Neil  
01580850159 before 22<sup>nd</sup> November.**

**There will be a charge of £5 which will go towards the  
St Nicholas Church organ fund.**

### **GARDENS OF SANDHURST CALENDAR 2026**

**Same price of £10 as last year with profits as before going to the St Nicholas Church organ overhaul fund. Please help us reach the total that we need.  
Copies will be available in November through the church, the shop and Bliss or  
contact Katherine O'Neil directly on 01580 850159 or 07794 068 373**

**Benenden Memorial Hall Bookings:** David Collard has now kindly taken this role. David can be contacted via Email: [memhallben@gmail.com](mailto:memhallben@gmail.com) or Tel: 01580 241 944.

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