

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: 13th September The 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.

Sunday 13th September – The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 14.1-12, Matthew 18.21-35

8 am 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am MORNING WORSHIP AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

led by David Harmsworth

*Hymns: 676 Immortal, invisible
HON 167 God forgave my sin in Jesus' name
587 Amazing grace
116 Be thou my guardian and my guide*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Revd David is away on Pilgrimage returning on Wednesday 23rd September. During this time, should you require the services of a Priest, please contact your Churchwardens:

Deborah Jenkins: E-mail: deborahjenkins26@btinternet.com

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Monday 14 th	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 15 th	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Nicky Harvey
	7.30 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 16 th	7.30 – 9. 15 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 17 th	7 – 8 pm	Choir Practice at Iden Green Congregational Church
Friday 18 th	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7 for 7.30 pm	'The General' at St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst with Mike Hatchard
	7.30 – 9 pm	Quarter Peal Attempt at St George's

Sunday Next: 20th September – The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Philippians 1.21-end, Matthew 20.1-16

8 am HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am SUNG EUCHARIST AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

led by Archdeacon Estella Last

Home Groups:

Sandhurst: Meets on Monday 14th September at Sandhurst Mission Church at 7.30 pm.

Benenden: Next meets on Tuesday 15th September at David & Julia Collard's at 7.30 pm.

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Romans 14.1-12

¹⁴Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God.¹¹For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.'¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Matthew 18.21-35

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²²Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'²³ 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Sarah Emanuel: Sarah is to be licensed as a Reader to the Benefice of Benenden and Sandhurst at a service at Canterbury Cathedral on Sunday 27th September, 5.30 pm. It has been a delight to have Sarah and her husband David worshipping with us this past year, and to see Sarah leading and preaching at some of our services. It would be lovely for members of our church family to be at the Cathedral to show their support for Sarah and David as we formally welcome her to our Ministry Team. Russell Anderson, who was with us on a 6-week placement last year, will be licensed as a Reader at the same service. Revd David

Prayers:

Our dear **Aurea Gregory** passed away peacefully, at home - as was her wish - in the early hours of Saturday 6th September. Her son Adrian had been with her a few days before, and her son Clive was with her the day before. We thank God for Aurea's life, her example, and for her now resting eternally with God. Please hold Clive and Jenny, Adrian and Lisa and their families in your prayers. Details of Aurea's funeral service will be made known in due course.

Please continue to hold the family of **t/l Dr Claire Grant** in your prayers. Claire's funeral is at 2.30 pm on Thursday 17th September, at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. The service will be live-streamed. The funeral will have Quaker elements; and as is the case at Quaker Meetings there will be an opportunity for anyone who wishes to stand up and say a few words. After the funeral there will be a Celebration of Life at The Oak Barn, Frame Farm, Iden Green starting at 4.30 pm. (Please RSVP Tom Grant if you intend to go to the Celebration of Life: clairegrantcol@gmail.com)



Revd David's Sponsored Walk "The Pilgrims' Way" – has begun

Length: 147 miles **Duration:** 13 days

Ending: Tuesday 22nd September at Canterbury Cathedral

If you would like to sponsor Revd David for this walk and raise funds for the St George's Restore: Renew: Rejoice project, please pick up a leaflet. Sponsorship can be "per mile" or a lump-sum donation.

If you are a UK tax payer and are willing to Gift-Aid your donation it will be enhanced by 25%.

Itinerary: 13th - 22nd September

Day	Date	From	To	Walk (miles)
Sunday	13/9	St. Andrew's & St. Francis, Farnham	Guildford Cathedral	10.5
Monday	14/9	Guildford Cathedral	St. Michael & All Angels, Mickleham	13.5
Tuesday	15/9	St. Michael & All Angels, Mickleham	St. Katharine's, Mertsam	9.75
Wednesday	16/9	St. Katharine's, Mertsam	St. Peter's Limpsfield	8
Thursday	17/9	St. Peter's Limpsfield	St. Bartholomew's, Otford	12
Friday	18/9	St. Bartholomew's, Otford	St. John's, Halling	13
Saturday	19/9	St. John's, Halling	1 st to: Rochester Cathedral	13
			Then to: Aylesford Priory	
Sunday	20/9	St. Peter & St. Paul's, Aylesford	St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham	11
Monday	21/9	St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham	All Saints, Boughton Lees	11
Tuesday	22/9	All Saints, Boughton Lees	Canterbury Cathedral	13
			(Evensong at 5:30pm)	

Harvest Lunch: This year we celebrate Harvest on September 27th at the **11am** (note the time) service in the school hall. This will be followed by coffee and our Harvest Lunch. It will be different this year as we will be setting up in the school hall, but Tim Cole has kindly offered to take the lead with help from others, of course. We need to have an idea of numbers so please sign up **ASAP** on sheets available at the services.

We will be serving a hot meal this year but please let us know of any dietary requirements. A minimum donation of £10 per person please (payable on the day) including a glass of wine (further glasses of wine can be purchased) and all profits, as in previous years, will go to *Water Aid*, the charity we traditionally support at this time. (We recently found out for ourselves what being unable to access water is like!! Imagine that being the norm...) Helen

Local Pilgrimage Walk – Around Bodiam – Saturday 26th September

Meet at Bodiam Castle Car Park - 9.45 am for a 10.00 am start

Come and join us for a gentle pilgrimage through the beautiful countryside around Bodiam. We will follow quiet lanes, footpaths and byways, pausing along the way for short reflections and taking time to appreciate the beauty of creation, enjoy good conversation, and simply walk together. The route is approximately **3½–4 miles**, using mainly off-road paths, and we will

finish back at Bodiam Castle for a well-earned cup of tea and our traditional slice of cake! **Parking:** National Trust members can park free in the castle car park. For non-members, parking costs £5 per vehicle, or free parking may be available in the nearby lay-by or on the road opposite the castle. **Please note:** The route includes several stiles and may not be suitable for dogs. Everyone is welcome – whether you're a regular pilgrim or joining us for the first time. We look forward to walking with you. **We would love to walk with you - if you have further questions please get in touch with Revd David, 07710 416978,**



Summer Teas: Thank you to everyone who helped with Summer Teas this year. Those who made cakes, helped serve teas on the day and cleared up. Thank you also to those who popped in for tea and chat. We raised over £400 and, more importantly, had a lovely time of fellowship with familiar and unfamiliar faces. Helen

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