

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 14th September Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 14th September – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 1 Timothy 1.12-17, Luke 15.1-10

8 am 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

10 am MORNING WORSHIP

led by Revd David Commander

Hymns: 587 *Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)*
 794 *The King of love my shepherd is*
 671 *I will sing the wondrous story*
 678 *In Christ alone my hope is found*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 15 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at the Rectory
Tuesday 16 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
Wednesday 17 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 18 th	7 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 19 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	2 pm	Thanksgiving Service t/l Elizabeth Moore at St George's
	5 pm	Wedding Rehearsal at St George's
	7.30 pm	Bellringing at St George's – Quarter Peal attempt
Saturday 20 th	10 am	Grief Café at Sandhurst Mission Church
	1 pm	Wedding of Max Dallison & Brogan Hogg at St George's
	2 – 5 pm	Scarecrow Competition & Festival at St Nicholas, Sandhurst - Refreshments & Tombola

Sunday Next: 21st September – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 1 Timothy 2.1-7, Luke 16. 1-13

8 am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander

10 am SUNG EUCHARIST

led by Revd David Commander

2 – 5 pm Scarecrow Competition & Festival at St Nicholas, Sandhurst - Refreshments & Tombola

Home Groups:

Sandhurst Home Group: Tomorrow's meeting, Monday 15th September, is at the Rectory.

Benenden Home Group: Resumes on, or after, 23rd September.

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1 Timothy 1.12-17

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Luke 15.1-10

¹⁵Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'
³ So he told them this parable: ⁴'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.
⁸ 'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

Banns to be read at St George's in September

Thomas Mellor & Gabriele Griggs

Daniel Hyder & Claudia Ribeiro

Prayers:

Elizabeth Moore: Elizabeth's Thanksgiving Service is at St George's Church on Friday 19th September at 2pm. The service will be conducted by the Revd Jenny McPherson, a friend of the family and will be followed by the interment of ashes. We hold the soul of Elizabeth and her family and friends in our prayers.

Cleaning at St George's: We are looking for volunteers to join the cleaning rota at St George's. You would volunteer alongside someone else and cleaning is usually done on a Saturday morning (although Friday afternoon is also possible). It does not take longer than an hour and happens about once every 6 weeks. If you feel that you can help, please contact Jacqueline Hewitt: jacquelinepaulh@aol.com or 07759 420 263.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

'Grief Talks' – 10 am, Saturday 20th September at Sandhurst Mission Church
Autumn Pilgrimage Walk – 10 am, Saturday 27th September from St George's
Connect Four – 4 pm, Saturday 27th September at Sandhurst Mission Church
Harvest Service at St George's – 11 am, Sunday 28th September *followed by Harvest Lunch at the back of Church*
Pet Service at St George's – 10 am, Sunday 12th October

Grief Talks ~ Time to share & reflect
Saturday 20th September, 10 am – 12 noon
at the Mission Church, Back Road, Sandhurst TN18 5JU



Coming to terms with the loss of a loved one can be one of the hardest things we have to do. When someone has died, while we may feel our loved one is at peace, it can still leave us with hugely mixed emotions.

We are offering a morning to explore our grief through conversation, readings and crafting together. It will be a safe space to come to talk and share what has been going on for you. Talking to others who have been through similar experiences can be helpful, or just knowing that someone is there to listen.

For more information and to book this free workshop please contact
Claire Roberts on Tel: 01580 754374 Email: claireecr57@yahoo.com

Deanery Roadshow – The Weald
Thursday 25th September 2025, from 6.45 pm
St. Dunstan's Church, Stone Street, Cranbrook TN17 3HA

Deanery Roadshows are a chance to gather together to find out more about work happening across our diocese. The theme of this year's roadshow is:

The Next Steps to Growth

Everyone is welcome to attend but these will be particularly relevant for:

- Clergy - School Leaders - Parish Officers (eg Churchwardens, Treasurers)
- Deanery Officers - Lay Ministers

There will be a choice of three workshops:

- Generous Giving & Parish Support
- Leading your Church into Growth
- Children, Young People & Education: Welcoming the 'Quiet Revival'

Timetable:

6.45 pm Refreshments

7 pm Welcome - Worship - Noticeboard - Safeguarding

8 pm Workshops

Good news stories from the Deanery - Thanks and Blessing

9 pm Finish

Autumn Pilgrimage Walk

Saturday 27th September - meeting at St George's Church at 9.45 am for a 10 am start

As promised, we are happy to announce that we have a further local pilgrimage walk.

We will take in the lanes, by-ways and footpaths around Benenden, walking in our wonderful countryside whilst stopping for reflection and having the time to connect with nature and enjoy the company of fellow pilgrims.

The walk will be around 3.5-4 miles long, using as many of the offroad routes as possible and finishing back at the Church for well-earned refreshment and our traditional offering of cake!!

We would love to walk with you.

If you have further questions, please get in touch with Revd Ylva on 07766 711957, Email: rev.ylva@gmail.com or Lyn Hayes on 07792 332904, Email: lindapin@aol.com

'CONNECT FOUR'

Our informal family service

4 pm - Saturday 27th September

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



**Come along and connect
with - family & friends - tea,
coffee, cake - the Bible
- worship- & God!**

Refreshments throughout

PET SERVICE AT ST GEORGE'S



**10 am
Sunday 12th October**

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