

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 19th October Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 19th October – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

8 am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

10 am SUNG EUCHARIST

led by Revd David Commander with Sarah Emanuel preaching

Hymns: 743 *O God beyond all praising*
 383 *Lord, thy word abideth*
 129 *Lord, teach us how to pray aright*
 (HC) 654 *Hark, my soul, it is the Lord*
 707 *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim (omit vv2-6)*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 20 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	11.30 am	Funeral of t/l Jean Epps at St George's <i>No Sandhurst Home Group tonight (half term)</i>
Tuesday 21 st	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
Wednesday 22 nd	7.30 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's (half term)
Thursday 23 rd	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
Friday 24 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Saturday 25 th	11 am	Interment of t/l Peter Driver at St George's
	4 pm	'CONNECT FOUR' Family service at Sandhurst Mission Church

REMINDER: The clocks go back one hour overnight this Saturday / Sunday!

Sunday Next: 26th October – Bible Sunday

Readings: Romans 15.1-6, Luke 4.16-24

8 am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

10 am MORNING WORSHIP

led by David Harmsworth

Readings: Sunday 19th October

2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is^a useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

⁴¹In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Luke 18.1-8

¹⁸Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ⁶And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Home Groups:

Sandhurst Home Group: No Sandhurst Home Group this week (half term).

Benenden Home Group: Meets on Tuesday 21st October, at 7.30 pm, at David & Julia Collard's

Sad News & Prayers

David Barnes passed away last week, 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.

David's funeral service will be on Monday 3rd November at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium, this is a private service for the family. **David's Thanksgiving Service will take place at St George's Church at 2pm on Saturday 22nd November.** Revd David

Brass Cleaning at St George's: We would be pleased to welcome a few more to our group. If you would like to know more, please contact Julia Collard on Tel 241 944.

Valuables and Theft: Please do not leave valuables unattended in church *at any time*.

‘CONNECT FOUR’

Our informal family service

4pm - Saturday 25th 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.***

Benefice All Souls' Day Service

7.30 pm, Sunday 2nd 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

Eleanor Cochrane will be collecting raffle prizes for the Friends of St George's Quiz Night on 28th 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

The Rhythm of Life Choir, Benenden

invites you to

WINTER MAGIC

A warm and uplifting concert to help raise funds
for the Restore, Renew, Rejoice Project at St George's.

Saturday 22nd November – 7 pm

at St George's, Benenden

Tickets are £10 and include a festive drink and mince pie. Raffle.
Tickets available from Benenden's Community Shop or on the door.

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**

Christmas Mini Market at The Mission Church

Saturday 22nd November from 10 am to 12 noon

**Gifts for all ages, local crafts & festive products, bric a brac, tombola.
Tea, coffee & cake. All welcome!**

Friends of St George's Quiz – 7 for 7.30 pm, Friday 28th November at Benenden Village Hall.
If you would like to book (teams of 8 or we can place you with others) please email deborahjenkins26@btinternet.com with any dietary requirements. Tickets are £20 per head and include home-cooked lasagne. Bring your own drinks.



LEARN HOW TO MAKE A CHRISTMAS WREATH

**Join us in Sandhurst Mission Church
on Saturday 6th 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 22nd November.**

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

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

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