

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 21st September Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 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

Hymns: 690 *Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it*
628 *Father of heaven, whose love profound*
781 (all vv) *Son of God, eternal Saviour*
(HC)129 *Lord, teach us how to pray aright*
630 *Father, Lord of all creation*

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 22 nd	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Benenden PCC meeting at the Memorial Hall
Tuesday 23 rd	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
	7.30 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 24 th		<i>No Morning Prayer today</i> <i>(Revd David's day off in lieu of Thursday 25th)</i>
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice at St Nicholas, Sandhurst
Thursday 25 th	6.45 pm	Weald Deanery Roadshow at St Dunstan's, Cranbrook
Friday 26 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	1.30 pm	BPS Harvest Service at St George's followed by parents' refreshments in church
Saturday 27 th	5 pm	Wedding Rehearsal at St George's
	9.45 am	Autumn Pilgrimage Walk – departing St George's at 10 am
	1 pm	Wedding of Ben Thompson & Charlie Gardener at St George's
	4 pm	CONNECT FOUR family service at Sandhurst Mission Church

Sunday Next: 28th September – HARVEST (Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity)

8 am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander

Readings: 1 Timothy 6.6-19, Luke 16.19-end

11 am HARVEST SERVICE - followed by Harvest Lunch at the back of Church

led by Revd David Commander

Harvest Readings: Philippians 4. 4-9 & John 6. 25-35

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1 Timothy 2.1-7

²First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Luke 16. 1-13

¹⁶Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." ³Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" ⁶He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." ⁷Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes

¹⁰ 'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

Home Groups:

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

Benenden Home Group: Meets on Tuesday, 23rd September, at 7.30 at David & Julia Collard's.

Banns to be read at St George's in September

Thomas Mellor & Gabriele Griggs

Daniel Hyder & Claudia Ribeiro

Benenden PCC meets on Monday 22nd September at the Memorial Hall.



Our HARVEST service is at St George's next Sunday, 28th September at 11 am. Donations of all non-perishable, in-date, foods are very welcome. These will be passed to Nourish.



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,
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'CONNECT FOUR'

**Our informal family
service**

**Saturday 27th September
at 4 pm**

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



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

Refreshments throughout

HARVEST SERVICE AT ST GEORGE'S

**followed by Harvest Lunch
in Church**



11 am

**Sunday
28th September**



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

**PET SERVICE
AT ST GEORGE'S**

**10 am
Sunday 12th October**



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