

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: 25<sup>th</sup> October

### *Last Sunday after Trinity - Bible Sunday*

**Collect:** Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Last Sunday after Trinity – Bible Sunday**

*Readings: Psalm 119:9-16, Colossians 3:12-17; Matthew 24:30-35*

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| <b>8 am</b>  | <b>HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S</b><br>led by Revd David Commander                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>10 am</b> | <b>MORNING WORSHIP BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL</b><br>led by David Harmsworth<br><i>Hymns:</i> 2 <i>Christ whose glory fills the skies</i><br>383 <i>Lord thy word abideth</i><br>589 <i>Angel voices ever singing</i><br>715 <i>Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided</i> |
| <b>2 pm</b>  | Revd David's Pilgrimage Talk – at Sandhurst Mission Church                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

#### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

***Revd David is on holiday from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October inclusive.***

***Should you require the services of a Priest during this time, please contact***

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| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>   | 10 am           | Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church<br>led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen |
|                            | 7.30 pm         | Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's                                      |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> | 7.30 – 9. 15 pm | Bellringing Practice at St Nicholas, Sandhurst                                      |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>  | 7 – 8 pm        | Choir Practice at Iden Green Congregational Church                                  |

#### **Sunday Next: 1<sup>st</sup> November – All Saints' Day**

*Readings: 1 John 3.1-3, Matthew 5.1-12*

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| <b>10 am</b> | <b>ALL AGE COMMUNION AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL</b><br>led by Revd David Commander           |

**Readings: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Bible Sunday**

**Colossians 3:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Matthew 24:30-35**

<sup>30</sup> Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup> And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

<sup>32</sup> 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>33</sup> So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>34</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

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

**Benenden:** Meets on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> October at David & Julia Collard's at 7.30 pm.

**Friends of Kent Churches Ride & Stride:** A big thank you and congratulations to Jo Clube and Richard Stewart for biking around the Kent churches on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Jo and Richard raised in excess of £530. This sum will be shared equally between the Friends of Kent Churches and St George's Church. Thank you very much to Jo and Richard for taking part and thank you very much to everyone who sponsored their efforts and to everyone who supported 'Ride & Stride'.

**Revd David's Pilgrimage - Winchester to Canterbury**

Thank you to everyone who sponsored and supported my recent Pilgrimage walk. The response has been extremely generous and heartening. Donations are still coming in, but so far - including Gift-Aid that we will be able to claim - the total raised for the Kitchen Phase of the RRR Project is £13,688. That is amazing!

**If you want to know more about my walk, I will be giving a talk on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 2 pm in the Mission Church in Sandhurst.**

(Refreshments and cake will, of course, be on offer!) Revd David.

***All Souls' Day Service.  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - 7.30 pm  
at St Nicholas Church  
Refreshments from 7 pm***

Names of loved ones who have passed away in the last three years will be read out.

If there are other names to be requested, please add these to the lists in church.

Or, please email the name of your loved one to Cathy at [benendenchurch@gmail.com](mailto:benendenchurch@gmail.com)

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**- Remembrance Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> November.**

Remembrance Service, 10.45 am at Benenden Village Hall;  
*followed by the act of remembrance at the war memorial*

**- "Come and See": St George's Church: Open days, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 12.30 pm to 5 pm.**

**- Advent Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> November: 10 am Celebration service as St George's Church re-opens! (Plus our Candle-lit Advent Carol service is at 5pm.) - Only FIVE weeks to go!**

**CHANGE OF PLAN!  
SANDHURST CALENDAR 2027**

Thanks to Revd David's amazing effort with his pilgrimage walk, as well as to other substantial donations and to your previous calendar contributions, our St Nicholas Church organ fund has now reached a point where we no longer need to raise funds for the overhaul.

Money raised from the Sandhurst calendar sales will now be directed towards the upkeep of the St Nicholas churchyard, since this year there is uncertainty as to whether the church will receive a much-needed donation towards that. Even if the donation is forthcoming there is still a considerable shortfall between that and what is needed.

Our churchyard is valued for so many reasons, and so, I hope that you will still support our calendar sales this year, albeit for a different cause but one surely close to many of our hearts.

Copies, priced £10, are available through the churches, the shop and at the St Nicholas Christmas Market on 21<sup>st</sup> November. Or contact Katherine O'Neil directly on 01580 850159 or 07794068373



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