

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 28th September HARVEST

(Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity)

Collect: Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 28th September – HARVEST (Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity)

Harvest Readings: Philippians 4:4-9, John 2:1-11

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

<i>Hymns:</i>	282	<i>Come, ye thankful people, come</i>
	287	<i>Praise and thanksgiving</i>
	283	<i>Fill your hearts with joy and gladness</i>
	290	<i>We plough the fields, and scatter</i>

THE WEEK AHEAD

Revd David is on holiday from Tuesday 30th September to Monday 6th October inclusive.

Revd Ylva is away from Monday 29th September to Saturday 4th October inclusive.

Should you require the services of a Priest during this time please contact your Churchwardens:

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Monday 29 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 30 th	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church
		led by Revd Pete Deaves
	7.30 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 1 st	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 2 nd	7.30 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 3 rd	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
Saturday 4 th	9 am – 2 pm	Quinquennial Inspection of St George's
	9.30 am – 12 noon	Churchyard Working Party at St George's

Sunday Next: 5th October – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 2 Timothy 1.1-14, Luke 17.5-10

8 am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

10 am ALL AGE COMMUNION

with thanksgiving for 50 years of marriage for Peter & Lynda Hukins

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

4 pm Choir Practice at St George's

5 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

led by David Harmsworth *Readings: Nehemiah 5.1-13, John 9. Psalm 142*
Stanford in B flat and Anthems for Harvest tide

Readings: Sunday 28th September – Harvest

Philippians 4:4-9

^{4.4} Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

John 2:1-11

^{2.1} On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Home Groups:

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

Benenden Home Group: Meets on Tuesday, 30th September, at 7.30 at David & Julia Collard's.

Churchyard Working Party at St George's: Saturday 4th October from 9.30 am to noon.

Please do join us if you are able. Dick Hill

Prayers:

Revd Rosemary is home from hospital following her hip operation. This has gone well, but recovery is not as quick as she would wish. (This is probably more to do with Rosemary's *expectations* than problems with the recovery!) Please continue to hold Rosemary and Jan in your prayers. They are both being well, cared for by Rosemary's son, Mark, and daughter, Helen.

We pray for **Charlie Gardener and Ben Thompson** who married at St. George's yesterday, Saturday 27th September.

We pray for **Aurea** has been moved from the WHH to West View in Tenterden for rest and recovery. I am sure she would welcome visitors. Revd David.



HARVEST

Thank you for all your harvest donations.
These will be passed 'Nourish', the foodbank
charity in Tunbridge Wells
covering Benenden.



WEALD DEANERY SYNOD

Wednesday 8th October 2025, 7:30pm at the Vestry Hall, Marden TN12 9NH
(Refreshments from 7.15pm)

Guest Speaker: Revd Prof Jonathan Arnold, Executive Director, Social Justice Network

This is an Open Meeting - All Are Welcome

PET SERVICE AT ST GEORGE'S

**10 am
Sunday
12th October**



Scarecrow Festival at St Nicholas: There was a fantastic variety of impressive creations for last weekend's Scarecrow Festival throughout the church and churchyard. Of the 29 entries, the Bride and Groom won the most votes, followed by the Horse and Rider and third was the push biker in the hedge; fourth was the dog walker.

Over £700 was raised with some scarecrows being sold after the event to boost the pot. Huge thanks must go to Juliet Atherton and Alex Thorbek for their impressive organisation and hard work. Thank you so much to all who made the event so successful and baked or helped out on the day. A big thank you must also go to all those local organisations, groups and people who contributed such marvellous scarecrow entries. Voting was a very hard task indeed! Photos will be displayed in church shortly.



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