

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: 4th October

The 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 4th October – The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Philippians 3.4b-14, Matthew 21.33-end

8 am HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am ALL AGE COMMUNION AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

led by Revd David Commander & Sarah Emanuel

Hymns: 598 *Before the throne of God above*
144 *How deep the Father's love for us*
193 *All heaven declares*
742 *O for a thousand tongues to sing*

5 pm EVENING PRAYER IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S

led by David Harmsworth *Psalms 136. Readings: Proverbs 2.1-11, 1 John 2.1-17*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 5 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	1 pm	Funeral of t/l Clifford Marshall at St Nicholas, Sandhurst
	2.30 am	Burial of t/l Clifford Marshall at St George's
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 6 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	11.30 am	MLT meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church
Wednesday 7 th	7.30 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	9 am	RRR meeting
	7 for 7.30 pm	Weald Deanery Synod Meeting at All Saints, Staplehurst
Friday 9 th	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Saturday 10 th	9.30 am – 12 noon	Churchyard Working Party at St George's

Sunday Next: 11th October – The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Philippians 4.1-9, Matthew 22.1-14

8 am 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd David Commander

10 am MORNING WORSHIP BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

3 pm Interment of t/l Tracy Claridge at St George's

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Philippians 3.4b-14

^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21.33-end

³³ 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.

³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' ⁴¹They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

⁴² Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Benenden: We meet on Tuesday, 6th October at David & Julia Collard's at 7.30 pm.

Prayers:

t/I **Clifford Marshall's** funeral is taking place on Monday 5th October, 1 pm at St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst followed by burial in the churchyard at St George's. All are welcome to attend. Please hold Nigel and Liann, John and Glenda and family in your prayers.

t/I **Aurea Gregory.** We thank God for Aurea's life, her example, and for her now resting eternally with God. Aurea's funeral is on Tuesday 20th October. After a family-only service at Charing Crematorium in the morning, Aurea's Thanksgiving service, to which all are welcome, is at St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst at 2.30 pm. Please continue to hold Clive and Jenny, Adrian and Lisa and their families in your prayers. Revd David

**NO NUTS! A reminder that Benenden Primary School is a NUT FREE school.
Please do not bring ANYTHING into the building which does, or may, contain nuts.
Thank you. Helen**

Saturday 10th October: 9.30 am – 12 noon: St George's Churchyard Working Party – Please join us if you are able. Dick Hill

Restore: Renew Rejoice Project: We were delighted to show Cllr Claudine Russell from KCC around the RRR project on Monday 28th September. KCC have kindly donated £500 towards the cost of the toilet extension in Phase 2. Claudine was impressed by how 'big and bright' the space felt and promised to come back for a service or community event when the church reopens.

Cllr Claudine Russell, KCC with Sally-Anne Marks & Paul Hewitt, St George's PCC, Fundraising for RRR



Weald Deanery Synod Open Meeting with a focus on Vocations

Wednesday 7th October - 7pm for a 7.30pm start

at All Saints, Staplehurst

Refreshments will be served at 7pm before the meeting. Formal business will finish the evening. We will be joined by Revd Jon Marlow, Head of Vocations and DDO, as well as other speakers talking about their training or vocational journey.

'Walk Church' comes to St George's Benenden on Sunday 18th October. We will meet on the Green adjacent to St George's at 1.45 for a 2 pm start. Our walk is just under 2 hours (approximately 3 miles) and will take in some beautiful views of the local countryside, finishing at Balmoral cottage (the home of Charlotte and Donald Molesworth) where we will enjoy refreshments and cake and a look round the garden. Tim Bentley

Walk Church is an experimental "Fresh expression" congregation that offers outdoor Christian fellowship in the context of a walk. We meet once a month at a different location around the Diocese. For more details, please contact Revd Alex Bienfait Email alexander.bienfait@gmail.com, or Tel 07817 892005.

All Souls' Day Service.

Monday 2nd November, 7.30 pm, at St Nicholas Church
Refreshments from 7pm.

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

Loss & Grief Café ~ Time to share & reflect

Saturday 17th October, 10 am – 12 noon

@ the Mission Church, Back Road, Sandhurst TN18 5JU

Coming to terms with the loss of someone we love can feel overwhelming and deeply personal.

Even when we know they are at peace, grief can bring many different emotions — sadness, loneliness, confusion, anger, or simply a sense of missing them deeply.

We warmly invite you to join us for a gentle and supportive morning where we can explore grief together through conversation, readings, and simple crafting activities. This will be a safe and welcoming space where you can talk, listen, reflect, or simply be alongside others who understand.

Sometimes it helps to share with people who have experienced loss themselves, and sometimes it is enough just to know that someone is there to listen.

For more information or to book your free place, please contact

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