

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 7th September Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 7th September – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Philemon 1-21, Luke 14.25-33

8 am HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am ALL AGE HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd David Commander

Hymns: 748 *O Jesus, I have promised*
489 *From heaven you came, helpless babe*
135 *Take up thy cross, the Saviour said*
(HC) 790 *Teach me, my God and King*
766 *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*

5 pm CHORAL EVENSONG led by David Harmsworth

Readings: Isaiah 43.14-44.5, John 5.30-end. Psalm 121

Hymns: 609 *Christ is the world's light, he and none other*
Choir *Blessed be the God and Father (SS Wesley)*
742 *O for a thousand tongues to sing*
632 *Fill thou my life, O Lord my God (omit vv 5 & 6)*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 8 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Benenden Worship Group meeting – venue tbc
Tuesday 9 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	10.30 am	Project meeting at St George's
Wednesday 10 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	12.15 pm	Funeral of t/l Peter Driver at St George's
	7 pm	D&M Prayer Meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Friday 12 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	2.30 – 3.30 pm	'Bellringing Motorcyclists' at St George's
	4 pm	RRR Project Meeting at St George's
Saturday 13 th	9.30 – 10.30 am	Deanery Bellringers at St George's
	10 am – 6 pm	Kent Churches' 'Ride and Stride'

Sunday Next: 14th September – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 1 Timothy 1.12-17, Luke 15.1-10

8 am 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

10 am MORNING WORSHIP led by Revd David Commander

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Philemon 1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier,
and to the church in your house:
³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all
the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may
become effective when you perceive all the good that we^d may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed
received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have
been refreshed through you, my brother.
⁸ For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I
would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also
as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I
have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed
useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted
to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment
for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed
might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated
from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but as
more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the
flesh and in the Lord.
¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has
wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing
this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own
self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in
Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more
than I say.

Luke 14.25-33

²⁵ Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes
to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and
even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot
be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate
the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a
foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, “This fellow
began to build and was not able to finish.” ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another
king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one
who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far
away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can
become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Banns to be read at St George's: 7th, 14th & 21st September 2025

Thomas Mellor & Gabriele Griggs
Daniel Hyder & Claudia Ribeiro

Home Groups:

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

Benenden Home Group: Resumes on, or after, 23rd September.

Prayers:

Peter Driver sadly passed away on the 18th August. Please hold his wife, Teresa, and their family in your prayers. Peter's funeral service is this Wednesday, 10th September, at St George's Church, at 12.15pm

Elizabeth Moore: A Thanksgiving Service has been arranged for t/l Elizabeth Moore, who passed away on the 1st August; this will take place at St George's Church on Friday 19th September at 2pm. The service is being conducted by the Revd Jenny McPherson, a friend of the family. The service will be followed by the interment of ashes. We hold the soul of Elizabeth and her family and friends in our prayers.

Cleaning at St George's: We are looking for volunteers to join the cleaning rota at St George's. You would volunteer alongside someone else and cleaning is usually done on a Saturday morning (although Friday afternoon is also possible). It does not take longer than an hour and happens about once every 6 weeks. If you feel that you can help, please contact Jacqueline Hewitt: jacquelinepaulh@aol.com or 07759 420 263.

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 (e.g. 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

Kent Churches' "Ride 'n' Stride"

Saturday 13th September

We welcome all visitors to St George's

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

'Grief Talks' – 10 am Saturday 20th September at Sandhurst Mission Church
Autumn Pilgrimage Walk – 10 am Saturday 27th September from St George's
Connect Four – 4 pm, Saturday 27th September at Sandhurst Mission Church
Harvest Service at St George's – 11 am, Sunday 28th September



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