

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 9th August The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 9th August – The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 10.5-15, Matthew 14.22-33

8 am	1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
10 am	MORNING WORSHIP AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL led by David Harmsworth
	<i>Hymns:</i> 623 <i>Eternal Father, strong to save</i> 505 <i>Tell all the world of Jesus</i> 324 <i>Jesu calls us o'er the tumult</i> 621 <i>Dear Lord and Father of mankind</i>
2 – 4 pm	St George's Summer Teas at the Memorial Hall

THE WEEK AHEAD

Revd David is on holiday, returning on Friday 14th August.

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

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Tuesday 11 th	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen <i>No Benenden Home Group this week</i>
Wednesday 12 th	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 13 th	7 pm	Choir Practice at Iden Green Congregational Church
Friday 14 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	7.30 – 9 pm	'12 Bell' – Bellringing Practice at St George's

Sunday Next: 16th August – The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15.21-28

8 am	HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
10 am	SUNG EUCHARIST AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL led by Revd David Commander & Sarah Emanuel
2 – 4 pm	St George's Summer Teas at the Memorial Hall

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Romans 10.5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

'The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Matthew 14.22-33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Home Groups:

Sandhurst: Meets again after the summer holidays - on Monday 7th September at Sandhurst Mission Church.

Benenden: Next meets on Tuesday 25th August.

Sunday 30th August :10 am Benefice service: Revd Vicki Young - who is about to start the last year of her Curacy - will be with us for the 10 o'clock benefice service at St Nicholas Sandhurst on Sunday 30th August. Vicki will be leading, preaching and presiding at this service. It will be a lovely opportunity to welcome her back to the parish and benefice that nurtured her and set her on her way to becoming ordained. There will not be an 8 o'clock or a 10 o'clock service at St George's on 30th August.

Restore • Renew • Rejoice – Your Support Makes the Difference: We are delighted to share some wonderful news. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, the Restore: Renew: Rejoice appeal has received two significant gifts: £40,000 from The Friends of St George's and £5,000 from The Beatrice Liang Trust. We offer our heartfelt thanks to the Trustees of both organisations for their outstanding support.

These generous donations bring us closer to our goal, but there is still much to do. Every gift, whatever its size, helps us restore and renew St George's so that it remains a welcoming, vibrant church for worship, community life and future generations.

To everyone who has already given, thank you. If you have not yet had the opportunity to contribute, we warmly invite you to consider making a donation today - as generously as you are able. Every contribution, large or small, brings us one step closer to making this vision a reality.

Please either use the QR code below or if you would prefer to pay by bank transfer and/or would like the church to claim gift aid on your donation please email phewitt1203@gmail.com for details.



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Tile Sponsorship: If you wish to sponsor and dedicate a floor tile (or tiles), the on-line application is now live. Please use the QR code (or the website link) above, select the "Support Us" tab, and then "Fund a Tile". Alternatively, pick up a "Lay a Foundation" leaflet and complete a form; and make your donation payment by BACs or cheque or the SumUp unit. If you wish to choose a specific tile (or tiles), then place a coloured dot on the Floor Plan and write your initials on the dot(s).
Revd David

The Friends of Kent Churches "Ride & Stride"

The Friends of Kent Churches annual "Ride & Stride" event is coming up on Saturday 12th September. We really need to try to promote this and to get involved again this year. The Friends of Kent Churches have just awarded us a £5,000 grant towards the RRR project, but the implicit quid pro quo was that we get involved in promoting and sponsoring riders/walkers.

Pippa Taylor is happy to take on the refreshments and sign-in forms on the day again this year and David Harmsworth will be taking on the promotion of the event. It would really good if we could have some sponsored walkers or riders this year to demonstrate active participation and support of the Friends of Kent Churches Ride & Stride. Could that be you?

Please speak to David Harmsworth about it!

More information here: <https://www.kentrideandstride.co.uk/>

Revd David

Notice from the Diocese of Canterbury:

As you may be aware INEQE Safeguarding Group have been commissioned to conduct Independent Safeguarding Audits of the Church of England to make sure dioceses and cathedrals are doing all they can to create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

As part of the audit process for Canterbury, INEQE hope to engage with parishioners and members of the parish community through an online survey which will act as a mechanism through which individuals can comment on any matters relevant to the Audit's focus.

The survey is both anonymous (we are not seeking to identify you) and confidential (you will not be identified). We would therefore ask you to be open and honest with your responses. The survey results are received directly by INEQE's Audit Team and not by the Church of England. The survey is now live and will close at 11.30 pm on Wednesday 2nd September 2026.

To access the survey relevant to you please scan the QR code below or visit <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/canterbury/>



St George's Summer Teas at the Memorial Hall

Every Sunday throughout August - from 2 to 4 pm. All Welcome!

Local Pilgrimage Walk – Around Bodiam

Saturday 26th September

Meet at Bodiam Castle Car Park - 9.45 am for a 10.00 am start

Come and join us for a gentle pilgrimage through the beautiful countryside around Bodiam. We'll follow quiet lanes, footpaths and byways, pausing along the way for short reflections and taking time to appreciate the beauty of creation, enjoy good conversation, and simply walk together.

The route is approximately **3½–4 miles**, using mainly off-road paths, and we'll finish back at Bodiam Castle for a well-earned cup of tea and our traditional slice of cake!

Parking: National Trust members can park free in the castle car park. For non-members, parking costs **£5 per vehicle**, or free parking may be available in the nearby lay-by or on the road opposite the castle.

Please note: The route includes several stiles and may not be suitable for dogs.

Everyone is welcome – whether you're a regular pilgrim or joining us for the first time. We look forward to walking with you.

We would love to walk with you - if you have further questions please get in touch with Revd David, 07710 416978, revdavidcommander@gmail.com or Lyn Hayes 07792 332904, lindapin@aol.com

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