

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 18th June Second Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 18th June – Second Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 5.1-8, Matthew 9.35-10.8

8 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am **SUNG EUCHARIST**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

Hymns:

357	<i>All people that on earth do dwell</i>
258	<i>O thou, who camest from above</i>
244	<i>Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round</i>
828	<i>Ye that know the Lord is gracious</i>

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 19 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 20 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen <i>No Benenden Home group until 18th July</i>
Wednesday 21 st	7.30 pm	Archdeacon's Visitation – Canterbury Cathedral
	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at the Memorial Hall
	6 – 7 pm	Confirmation Preparation at the Mission Church
Thursday 22 nd	7.30 - 9.15 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
	7.30 pm	Archdeacons' Visitation – St Nicholas
Friday 23 rd	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's
	5 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday 24 th	12 noon	Wedding of Olivia Davidson and Sam Edwards
	4 pm	Connect Four at the Mission Church

Sunday Next: 25th June – The Third Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 6.1b-11, Matthew 10.24-39

8 am **HOLY COMMUNION** led by Revd David Commander

10 am **HOLY COMMUNION** led by David Harsworth

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Romans 5.1-8

Results of Justification

⁵Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Matthew 9.35-10.8

The Harvest Is Great, the Labourers Few

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

The Twelve Apostles

¹⁰Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

The Mission of the Twelve

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Archdeacons' Visitation services: Sue Fisher is being admitted as our Churchwarden for the coming year at a service at Canterbury Cathedral on Tuesday 20th June at 7.30pm. David Collard is being admitted as our Churchwarden at a service at St Nicholas, Sandhurst on Thursday 22nd June at 7.30pm. There are prayers said for all other church officers at these services. Please do come along and support your Churchwardens at these services. Please also come along if you serve the church in any capacity. (Refreshments will be served at St Nicholas Church after the service.)

Benenden Home Group: *It has been decided, because of lack of numbers, to suspend our meetings until 18th July, when we will be studying the Book of Esther. We hope more people would like to join our group to enjoy our discussions, prayer and social time.* David Collard

Deanery Confirmation Service, Sunday 2nd July, 3pm, at St Michael and All Angels, Marden. Five of our youngsters are taking the step of being confirmed: Pip Cox, Cecilia Cripps, Will Dellow, Serena Gautier and Kirah Jane Rance. Please hold them in your prayers, and do support them - if you are able - by coming to the service.

Benefice Pilgrimages:

Our early summer outing with the two Pilgrimage Walks was thoroughly enjoyable. Fourteen of us, including one very small toddler and two dogs, set out to walk and reflect from Sandhurst Mission Church to The Woodcock Inn and back. The weather was glorious, the countryside showed itself at its best and all enjoyed the company and the chance to connect with God, the landscape and each other.

Now we're busy planning the next walk, on **Wednesday 12th July**, starting at **St George's Church, Benenden at 10:15 for 10:30 am**. We will be walking around the footpaths and quiet roads of Benenden/Goddards Green and stopping off at a local forest beauty spot to eat our packed lunches. The walk will be around 5.5 miles with the usual opportunity to join us for only the morning, or to come at lunchtime to take part in the afternoon walk. We will again organise transport for those who would like to join us for part of the day.

Please bring a packed lunch, and there will of course be refreshments at the end, as is our tradition!

We would love to walk with you, and if you have further questions, or would like a lift, please get in touch with Revd Ylva, 07766-711957, rev.ylva@gmail.com. Revd Ylva and Lyn

'CONNECT FOUR' **4pm – Saturday 24th June**



**at Sandhurst Mission Church,
Back Road TN18 5JU**

A service especially for families – but, of course, all age groups are very welcome.

"Connecting"

- with one another**
- with Bible stories**
- with God**
- with tea, coffee & cake.**

Worship, music, games, craft, refreshments & fun.

We meet on the fourth Saturday of every month.


Prayers: It is with sadness I pass on the news that dear **Miriam Message** died on Thursday 25th May. Her last two weeks were in the William Harvey hospital; but Stephen, her son, said that she rallied the day before she died and the family and Miriam shared lots of happy memories together. Miriam's funeral will take place at the Ebenezer Baptist Chapel, Bounds Cross, Biddenden on Thursday 29th June at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please hold Stephen and the family in your prayers.

St George's 20:20 Project

To make the fabric of the church fit for purpose for generations to come we are looking for people in the community with the following skills and experience to apply for a part-time paid role supporting the 20:20 Project:

- Written communication / social media posting skills to keep the community informed on project progress.
- Organizational skills to arrange community events at key moments in the project, for example when digging archaeological test pits, or helping create an archive of oral history of Benenden Village.
- Administrative skills to fill in grant application forms.
- Research skills to help support a community impact survey on the benefits of the project.
- Liaison skills to help keep the various 'stakeholder groups' – for example, the Parish Council, The Village Trust, The Primary School, The Congregations, The Friends of St Georges, the church architect, Grant Making bodies etc in touch and up to speed on the project.
- Problem solving skills to assist in resolving issues caused by the partial closure of the church.
- Photographic and digital record keeping skills to ensure all project related information is stored and easily retrievable.
- Capital fundraising skills.

If you would like to find out more about the role on offer please email Cathy Baker, Parish Administrator, benendenchurch@gmail.com and one of the 20:20 Project Team will be in touch.

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