

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 12th September The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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: 12th September - The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: James 3.1-12, Mark 8.27-end

8 am	HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S led by Revd David Commander
10 am	HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen & Revd David Commander
1.30 pm	Wedding of Josh Shanmugam & Jess Hewett at St George's

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 13 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	10 am	20:20 Project meeting at St George's
Tuesday 14 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
Wednesday 15 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Shop at Benenden Memorial Hall
	7 pm	The 'Filling Station' at Benenden Primary School
	7.30 pm	Archdeacon's Visitation – Canterbury Cathedral
Thursday 16 th	10 – 11.30 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
Friday 17 th	All day	Setting up for the fete all help gratefully received anytime throughout the day. "Many hands make light work!"
	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11am	Cakes & Chaos at Benenden Memorial Hall (today only)
	10.30 am	Memorial Service of t/l Neville Crouch at St George's
Saturday 18 th	12 – 4pm	Benenden Village Fete – in support of St George's – on The Green

Sunday 19th September - The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: James 3:13-4:3 & 4:7-8a, Mark 9:30-37

8 am	HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
10 am	HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S led by Revd David Commander & David Harmsworth
3 pm	Interment of t/l Maureen Clayson at St George's

Readings: Sunday 12th September – The 15th Sunday after Trinity

James 3.1-12

Taming the Tongue

³Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Mark 8.27-end

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' ²⁸And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' ²⁹He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'



The next Filling Station meeting is **Wednesday, September 15th at 7pm, inside, at Bendenden Primary School.** There will be lots of space inside; masks not required, but if you prefer to wear one, that is fine too.

Our speaker is **James Nickols**, our friend, encourager, and regional director for Filling Station, who will be helping us relaunch into this new season, a very unique one it is too. It will be especially good to be together!

Prayers: It is with great sadness that we learned of the death of Alan Picket at the age of 96. Together with Angela he was a faithful member of St George's for many years, worshipping at the 8 o'clock service week by week, and frequently reading the Lesson with great expression, in his amazing voice. Alan's cremation will be attended only by the family, but there will be a service of thanksgiving at some time in October (date to be announced later) when his many friends will be able to celebrate his long and extraordinary life. May he rest in peace, and rise in glory! RKvW

On-line Deepening Discipleship Course – Autumn 2021

The Diocese of Canterbury is offering an online (via Zoom) Deepening Discipleship course commencing 30th September. Over the course of the eight (1.5 hour) sessions participants will explore their personal journey of calling and discipleship. Particular emphasis is placed on how God calls us individually to serve him in our everyday lives of work, family and community life.

Course Content (7.00pm-8.15pm)

The closing date for applications is TOMORROW, Monday 13 September 2021

Week 1	Identity and Origins	30 September 2021
Week 2	Belovedness and Listening	7 October 2021
Week 3	Calling and Gifting	14 October 2021
Week 4	Testing and Trusting	21 October 2021
Week 5	Discipleship and Life	4 November 2021
Week 6	Good News and Us	11 November 2021
Week 7	Kingdom Through Church	18 November 2021
Week 8	God's Mission and our Discipleship	25 November 2021

For full information, and an application form, please email benendenchurch@gmail.com

Harvest Festival at St George's is on Sunday 3rd October. This year it has been decided to have a buffet/ ploughman's lunch at the back of the church after the morning service (which will be at 11am). A small group will be set up to arrange and prepare the lunch. Further details will be available a little later. In the meantime, please put a note in your diary and sign up at the back of church so that we know numbers. David Collard.

Memorial Service t/I Charles Lenox- Conyngham: Revd Andrew Lenox-Conyngham will be conducting a Memorial Service for his brother, Charles, on Sunday 26th September at 12 noon at St George's Church.

Everyone is welcome to attend this service. We keep Charles' family in our prayers at this time. Revd David

VACANCY - Church Administrator - Part Time Trinity Church Sissinghurst & St Mary's Church Frittenden

We are looking to employ a part time administrator to help in the running of the two churches. Working closely with the Rector, Revd Pete Deaves, the role involves:

- * Collation and preparation of weekly Orders of Services, co-ordinating printing and distribution.
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- * Setting up and operating or linking to Google calendars for booking of events.
- * Preparation of monthly expense claims.
- * Administration for weddings, funerals and baptisms.

Hours & location - it is envisaged that the role will take approximately twenty hours per month. Some tasks need to be done weekly and others on an occasional or periodic basis so there is need for flexibility over a month. The post holder will be able to work from home. If this is not possible then a room could be made available in the Sissinghurst Parish rooms.

Essential skills – we are looking for someone who is personable, unflappable, highly organised, a good communicator and a confident user of Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, Adobe Acrobat and email.

Applicants do not need to be a practising Christian to apply, however a knowledge of the Church of England and a motivation to support the growth of the local church will be a distinct advantage.

Remuneration – The position will attract a salary of £300 per month.

Duration - as this is a new role the initial term is for one year during which time it will be regularly reviewed.

*If you would like more details, please speak to Revd Pete Deaves (852275), or one of the Wardens:
Joanna Beech (852312), Pennie Durie (712612),
Fraser McKie (291038) or John Stansfeld (852185)*

*If you would like to apply, please send a CV and covering letter to John Stansfeld,
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