

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 26th October Bible Sunday

Collect: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 26th October – Bible Sunday

Readings: Romans 15.1-6, Luke 4.16-24

8 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

10 am **MORNING WORSHIP**
led by David Harmsworth

Hymns: 327 *Awake, awake: fling off the night!*
384 *O Christ the Word incarnate*
390 *Thanks to God whose word was spoken*
379 *God has spoken - by his prophets*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 27 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 28 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 this week</i>
Wednesday 29 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice at St Nicholas
Thursday 30 th	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
	4.15 – 5.15 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 31 st	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	1 – 2 pm	Diocese Carbon Net Zero – meeting at St George's

Sunday Next: 2nd November – All Saints' Day

Readings: Ephesians 1.11-end, Luke 6.20-31

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

10 am **ALL AGE COMMUNION**
& Baptism of Buntly & River Hukins
led by Revd David Commander

7.30 pm **ALL SOULS' DAY SERVICE:**
COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Refreshments & fellowship in church from 7pm. All are welcome.
led by Revd David Commander, Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen,
Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Lyn Hayes
Psalm 121. Readings: Ecclesiasticus 44:1-15, John 14:1-7

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Romans 15.1-6

¹⁵We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ²Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. ³For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' ⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 4.16-24

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' ²³He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." ²⁴And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.

Home Groups:

Sandhurst Home Group: Meets on Monday 27th October at Sandhurst Mission Church.

Benenden Home Group: There will be no Home Group on Tuesday 28th October. **We next meet on 4th November** at David & Julia Collard's.

Prayers:

t/I David Barnes: David's funeral service will be on Monday 3rd November at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium, this is a private service for the family. **David's Thanksgiving Service will take place at St George's Church at 2pm on Saturday 22nd November.** Revd David

Valuables and Theft: Please do not leave valuables unattended in church at any time.

Benefice All Souls' Day Service
7.30 pm, Sunday 2nd November at St George's
Refreshments & fellowship in church from 7pm

If you would like the name of a loved one read out, there is a form
for requests at the back of church.

Or please email your request to Cathy at benendenchurch@gmail.com
by Friday 31st October.

Eleanor Cochrane will be collecting raffle prizes for the Friends of St George's Quiz Night on 28th November. If you run a business that could give a prize, or have something you would like to donate, please get in touch at Eleanor.cochrane@btinternet.com



LEARN HOW TO MAKE A CHRISTMAS WREATH

**Join us in Sandhurst Mission Church
on Saturday 6th December
from 10am to 12 noon.**

Coffee and biscuits/cake will be provided.

**You will need to bring your own greenery and
decorations. Wire will be supplied.**

**Wreath frames can be bought online or order one from
Katherine O'Neil 01580 850 159 before 22nd November.**

**There will be a charge of £5 which will go towards the
St Nicholas Church organ fund.**

The Rhythm of Life Choir, Benenden

invites you to

WINTER MAGIC

A warm and uplifting concert to help raise money
for the Restore, Renew, Rejoice Project at St George's.

Saturday 22nd November – 7 pm

at St George's, Benenden

Tickets are £10 and include a festive drink and mince pie. Raffle.
Tickets available from Benenden's Community Shop or on the door.

Christmas Mini Market at The Mission Church

Saturday 22nd November from 10 am to 12 noon

Gifts for all ages, local crafts & festive products, bric a brac, tombola.

Tea, coffee & cake. All welcome!

Benenden Memorial Hall Bookings: David Collard has now kindly taken this role. David can be contacted via Email: memhallben@gmail.com or Tel: 01580 241 944.

The Friends of St George's Church



Quiz Night

Friday 28th November 2025

Benenden Village Hall

7 for 7.30 pm

**£20 per head to include
home-cooked lasagna***

***Please specify any dietary requirements.**

Bring your own drinks.

Teams of 8 or we can place you with others.

To book please contact:

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GARDENS OF SANDHURST CALENDAR 2026

**Same price of £10 as last year with profits, as before,
going to the St Nicholas Church organ overhaul fund.**

Please help us reach the total we need.

**Copies will be available in November through the
church, the shop and Bliss or contact Katherine O'Neil
directly on 01580 850159 or 07794 068 373**



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