

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 7th June The First Sunday after Trinity

Collect: O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 7th June – The First Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 4.13-end, Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

8 am HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am ALL AGE COMMUNION AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

led by Revd David Commander

Hymns: 593 *At the name of Jesus*
 654 *Hark my soul, it is the Lord*
 489 *From heaven you came, helpless babe*
 264 *The Spirit lives to set us free*

2 – 5 pm 'TEAS IN THE CHURCHYARD' AT ST NICHOLAS

5 pm EVENING PRAYER IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd David Commander

Readings: 1 Samuel 18.1-16, Luke 8.41-end. Psalm 41

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 8 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	7.30 pm	St George's PCC meeting at the Memorial Hall <i>(Communion at 7.15 pm)</i>
Tuesday 9 th	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	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 in June</i>
Wednesday 10 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	9 – 11 am	Drop in Café & Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 11 th	10 – 11.30 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at Sandhurst Mission Church
Friday 12 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Saturday 13 th	12 noon – 4 pm	ST GEORGE'S CHURCH FETE – on The Green

Sunday Next: 14th June – The Second Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 5.1-8, Matthew 9.35-10.8

8 am 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd David Commander

10 am MORNING WORSHIP AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

led by David Harmsworth

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Romans 4.13-end

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ²³Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' ¹²But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Home Groups:

Sandhurst: Next meets on Mondays at 7.30 pm at the Mission Church.

Benenden: There will be no meetings in June. The next date will be confirmed when decided.

Revd Ylva wishes to warmly thank everyone who came to her last service in the Benefice, and particularly to all who organised it and made it such a joyful and deeply meaningful event. Also, a special thanks for the generous farewell present of a £100 gift card for Waterstones - that's a lot of enjoyable reading! We will no doubt see each other somewhere in the future, but until then - have a wonderful and enjoyable summer!

Archdeacons' Visitation Service

Choral Evensong at Canterbury Cathedral - 5.30pm on Monday 15th June

At this service your newly elected Churchwardens will be sworn into office.

Please come along to support them.

St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst
Church Road, TN18 5NS
on Sunday 7th June 2026 from 2pm
until 5pm



- *Tea and cakes for sale. *Plant spotting for children.
- *See the architecture through the years.
- *'Cherish your Churchyard' week



Benenden Village Fete in support of St George's Church: Saturday 13th June, 12 - 4 pm
Help is required, please, on Friday 12th June, throughout the whole day, to set up, starting at 9 am.

Sunday 31st May - Confirmation service at St. Michael and All Angels, Marden
Julia Smith, Sienna Jones, and Claire Hughes, with Bishop Rose.
A lovely, joyful celebration.



Loss & Grief Café - Time to share & reflect

**Saturday 27th June
10 am to 12 noon**

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



Coming to terms with the loss of someone we love can feel overwhelming and deeply personal. Even when we know they are at peace, grief can bring many different emotions — sadness, loneliness, confusion, anger, or simply a sense of missing them deeply.

We warmly invite you to join us for a gentle and supportive morning where we can explore grief together through conversation, readings, and simple crafting activities. This will be a safe and welcoming space where you can talk, listen, reflect, or simply be alongside others who understand.

Sometimes it helps to share with people who have experienced loss themselves, and sometimes it is enough just to know that someone is there to listen.

For more information or to book your free place, please contact
Lyn Hayes on: 07792 332 904 or email: lindapin@aol.com

Shanties & Songs of the Sea with The Rye Bay Crew

at St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst

Saturday 11th July 2026 at 7 pm

Set sail for an evening of music, merriment and maritime tradition.

The Rye Bay Crew bring their acclaimed **Shanties & Songs of the Sea** concert to town.

This talented troupe of professional musicians is passionate about keeping the old sea songs alive and thriving. Expect stirring shanties, rousing choruses, captivating stories from the coast, and plenty of opportunities to sing along and join in the fun.


Whether you're a lifelong lover of folk music or simply looking for an entertaining evening out, come aboard and enjoy a swashbuckling night of song, laughter and community spirit.

All hands on deck – we look forward to welcoming you!



Tickets available on the door or in advance by scanning the QR code.
£13 per person
Refreshments available

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