

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 12th July The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 July – The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 8.1-11, Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

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 Lyn Hayes

Hymns: 810 *Thou whose almighty word*
 690 *Jesus is Lord!*
 387 *Rise and hear*
 754 *O worship the King*

2 – 4 pm **St George's Summer Teas at the Memorial Hall**

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 13 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 14 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	11.30 am	MLT meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church
	2 pm	Interment at St George's
		<i>No Benenden Home Group this week – next meeting 28th July</i>
Wednesday 15 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	9 – 11 am	Drop in Café & Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7 pm	Central Weald Filling Station at Benenden Primary School
	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 16 th	10 – 11.30 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7 – 8 pm	Choir Practice at Iden Green Congregational Church
Friday 17 th		<i>No Morning Prayer today</i>
	1.30 – 3 pm	BPS Y5 Bellringing at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing – Quarter Peal attempt – at St George's

Sunday Next: 19th July – The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 8.12-25, Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

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

2 – 4 pm **St George's Summer Teas at the Memorial Hall**

5 pm **SONGS OF PRAISE AT ST NICHOLAS, SANDHURST**

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Romans 8.1-11

⁸There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

¹³That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!'

¹⁸ 'Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Home Groups:

Sandhurst: Meets on Mondays at 7.30 pm at the Mission Church.

Benenden: There will be no meeting on 14th or 21st July. ***Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 28th July*** – at 7.30pm at David and Julia Collard's.

Benenden Village Fete in support of St George's Church: Various expenses and other incomes have now been received. The profit from the fete has now risen to an incredible £25,175. What an amazing day; what an amazing result. Well done everyone! We have already given £4,530 to local charities and organisations. More will be donated by the Mission Allocation group later in the year. The rest goes towards our operating costs and to the RRR Project. Revd David

Lizanne invites you to a plant sale today, Sunday 12th July, from 10 am to 12 noon at 7 Vere Meadows, Benenden (the house at the far end). ALL proceeds to Dementia UK. If you can walk, the parking is saved for less able people. Please bring cash. Entry, drink and cake £5. - If you are able to bring a cake it would be most welcome; please message Lizanne on 07847 329 036.

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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St George's Summer Teas at the Memorial Hall
Every Sunday throughout July and August
from 2 to 4 pm. All Welcome!

Central Weald Filling Station – 7 pm, Wednesday 15th July at Benenden Primary School: Our speaker is Paul Perkin, joining us for the first time, after Christine spoke for us earlier in the year. Paul and Christine previously led St Mark's, Battersea Rise in London, one of the first church plants from Holy Trinity Brompton. Both remain busy with preaching and teaching, especially marriage and family ministry. It is (still) wonderful that they are living in Hawkhurst, not far from us! All are welcome for pizza - from 7pm.

'Songs of Praise'
at St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst
on Sunday 19th July at 5 pm
followed by refreshments & fellowship
All are welcome. Please spread the word!



KENT POLICE MALE VOICE CHOIR

CONCERT

St. Nicholas Church, Sandhurst TN18 5NS
 Saturday 25th July 2026 at 7.30 pm
 Tickets £15 (under 12-year-olds free) are
 available on the door
 or pre-pay via the QR code

Refreshments available
 St Nicholas, Sandhurst PCC Charity No X33295




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/>



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