

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 2nd August The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 2nd August – The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 9.1-5, Matthew 14.13-21

8 am 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS, SANDHURST

(Benefice Service - No 8 am service in Benenden today)

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am ALL AGE COMMUNION AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

Hymns: 422 Alleluia, sing to Jesus!

HON 222 I am the bread of life

433 Broken for me, broken for you

652 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

(HC Thy perfect love, John Rutter)

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

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

led by David Harmsworth *Psalm 80.1-8. Readings: 1 Kings 10.1-13, Acts 13.1-13*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Revd David is on holiday, returning on Friday 14th August.

Should you require the services of a Priest during this time, please contact your Churchwardens:

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Tuesday 4 th	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	7.30 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 5 th	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's

Sunday Next: 9th August – The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Romans 10.5-15, Matthew 14.22-33

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

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am MORNING WORSHIP AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

led by David Harmsworth

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

Sunday 2nd August - 8 am service: This will be with the congregation at St Nicholas Sandhurst;
*There will **not** be an 8 am service in the chancel of St George's.*

Readings: Sunday 2nd August – the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Romans 9.1-5

⁹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— ²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Matthew 14.13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Home Groups:

Sandhurst: Meets again after the summer holidays - on Monday 7th September at Sandhurst Mission Church.

Benenden: Meets this Tuesday 4th August. The next meeting thereafter will be on Tuesday 25th August.

Sunday 10 am services – coffee ...or not coffee!! Despite several attempts to sign up new people for the coffee rota there is now a serious risk of there being no coffee after the service in one of the services in August and maybe more going forward. There are only a few of us on the rota and when we are all away, unless others come on board, coffee will not happen. So please get in touch with me or whoever is doing refreshments if I am not there. *There is still a gap on 23rd August.* There are always people around to help but we need someone each week to commit to bringing milk and biscuits and to serve the refreshments. Please think about it! Helen

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.



Tile Sponsorship: If you wish to sponsor and dedicate a floor tile (or tiles), the on-line application is now live. Please use the QR code (or the website link) above, select the "Support Us" tab, and then "Fund a Tile". Alternatively, pick up a "Lay a Foundation" leaflet and complete a form; and make your donation payment by BACs or cheque or the SumUp unit. If you wish to choose a specific tile (or tiles), then place a coloured dot on the Floor Plan and write your initials on the dot(s).
Revd David

The Friends of Kent Churches "Ride & Stride"

The Friends of Kent Churches annual "Ride & Stride" event is coming up on Saturday 12th September. We really need to try to promote this and to get involved again this year. The Friends of Kent Churches have just awarded us a £5,000 grant towards the RRR project, but the implicit quid pro quo was that we get involved in promoting and sponsoring riders/walkers.

Pippa Taylor is happy to take on the refreshments and sign-in forms on the day again this year and David Harmsworth will be taking on the promotion of the event. It would really good if we could have some sponsored walkers or riders this year to demonstrate active participation and support of the Friends of Kent Churches Ride & Stride. Could that be you?

Please speak to David Harmsworth about it!

More information here: <https://www.kentrideandstride.co.uk/>

Revd David

Sunday 30th August :10 am Benefice service: Revd Vicki Young - who is about to start the last year of her Curacy - will be with us for the 10 o'clock benefice service at St Nicholas Sandhurst on Sunday 30th August. Vicki will be leading, preaching and presiding at this service. It will be a lovely opportunity to welcome her back to the parish and benefice that nurtured her and set her on her way to becoming ordained. There will not be an 8 o'clock or a 10 o'clock service at St. George's on the 30th August.

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/>



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

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