

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: 27th September HARVEST

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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.

27th September – The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity – HARVEST

8 am	HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S led by Revd David Commander <i>Readings: Philippians 2.1-13, Matthew 21.23-32</i>
<u>11 am</u>	HARVEST SERVICE AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL led by Revd David Commander <i>Readings: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 12:16-31 followed by Harvest Lunch</i> <i>Hymns:</i> 282 <i>Come ye thankful people come</i> 537 <i>For the beauty of the earth</i> 286 <i>Praise, O praise our God and King</i> 290 <i>We plough the fields and scatter</i>
5.30 pm	Sarah Emanuel licensing service at Canterbury Cathedral

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 28 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Benenden PCC meeting at the Memorial Hall
Tuesday 29 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
Wednesday 30 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	11 am	Interment of t/l Victor Santer at St George's
	7.30 – 9. 15 pm	Bellringing Practice at St Nicholas
Friday 2 nd	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church

Sunday Next: 4th October – The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Philippians 3.4b-14, Matthew 21.33-end

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 & Sarah Emanuel
5 pm	EVENING PRAYER IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S led by David Harmsworth <i>Psalms 136. Readings: Proverbs 2.1-11, 1 John 2.1-17</i>

Readings: Sunday 27th September– HARVEST

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written,

‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;

his righteousness endures for ever.’

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Luke 12:16-31

¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” ¹⁸ Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”

²⁰ But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

²² He said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

Home Groups: Sandhurst: Meets on Mondays at Sandhurst Mission Church at 7.30 pm.

Benenden: There will be no meeting this week. We meet next Tuesday, 6th October at David & Julia Collard’s at 7.30 pm.

Sarah Emanuel: Sarah is to be licensed as a Reader to the Benefice of Benenden and Sandhurst at a service at Canterbury Cathedral this Sunday, 27th September at 5.30 pm. It has been a delight to have Sarah and her husband David worshipping with us this past year, and to see Sarah leading and preaching at some of our services. It would be lovely for members of our church family to be at the Cathedral to show their support for Sarah and David as we formally welcome her to our Ministry Team. Russell Anderson, who was with us on a 6-week placement last year, will be licensed as a Reader at the same service. Revd David

Prayers:

t/l **Clifford Marshall's** funeral is taking place on Monday 5th October, 1 pm at St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst followed by burial in the churchyard at St George's. All are welcome to attend. Please hold Nigel and Liann, John and Glenda and family in your prayers.

t/l **Aurea Gregory.** We thank God for Aurea's life, her example, and for her now resting eternally with God. Aurea's funeral is on Tuesday 20th October. After a family-only service at Charing Crematorium in the morning, Aurea's Thanksgiving service, to which all are welcome, is at St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst at 2.30 pm. Please continue to hold Clive and Jenny, Adrian and Lisa and their families in your prayers. Revd David

NO NUTS! A reminder that Benenden Primary School is a NUT FREE school. They have asked that while using the premises we do not bring ANYTHING into the building which does or may contain nuts.

This also applies to any apple crumbles for the Harvest Lunch or indeed any donations for Nourish made during our Harvest service. Thank you. Helen



PAWS
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PET SERVICE

800th ANNIVERSARY
of the death of
St. Francis
of Assisi

St. Francis loved
all creation.
Let's celebrate
together!

BRING YOUR PETS AND HEAR ABOUT
THE STORY OF CREATION!

SUNDAY
4TH OCTOBER 2026

10.00AM

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH
SANDHURST

ALL CREATURES
GREAT & SMALL
All Welcome!

PLEASE ENSURE PETS ARE KEPT UNDER CONTROL AND ARE COMFORTABLE AROUND OTHER ANIMALS AND PEOPLE.

The poster features a central illustration of St. Francis in a brown robe, holding a staff and surrounded by birds. Below him is a brown rabbit. At the bottom, there are five photos of animals: a golden retriever, a tabby cat, a brown rabbit, a guinea pig, and a blue tit. The text is in various fonts, including bold sans-serif and cursive. There are several heart icons and paw prints scattered throughout the design.

Loss & Grief Cafe ~ Time to share & reflect

Saturday 17th October, 10 am – 12 noon

@ 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

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