

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: 11th October The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 11th October – The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Philippians 4.1-9, Matthew 22.1-14

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 Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen <i>Hymns:</i> 769 <i>Rejoice the Lord is King</i> 455 <i>My God and is thy table spread</i> 566 <i>Put peace into each other's hands</i> 569 <i>The kingdom of God is justice and joy</i>
3 pm	Interment of t/l Tracy Claridge at St George's

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 12 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	10.30 am	Interment of t/l Edward Stevenson-Rouse at St George's
	3 pm	RRR 'Furniture' meeting at St George's
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 13 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
Wednesday 14 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 15 th	7 – 8 pm	Choir Practice at Iden Green Congregational Church
Friday 16 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing – Quarter Peal Attempt at St George's
Saturday 17 th	10 am – 12 noon	'Grief Talks' Grief Café at Sandhurst Mission Church

Sunday Next: 18th October – The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 1 Thess. 1.1-10, Matthew 22.15-22

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
1.45 for 2 pm	'Walk Church' – meeting and departing from The Green, outside St George's

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Philippians 4.1-9

⁴¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Matthew 22.1-14

²²Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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

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

Benenden: We next meet on Tuesday, 27th October at David & Julia Collard's at 7.30 pm.

NO NUTS! A reminder that Benenden Primary School is a NUT FREE school.
Please do not bring ANYTHING into the building which does, or may, contain nuts.
Thank you. Helen

‘Walk Church’ comes to St George's Benenden on Sunday 18th October

We will meet on the Green adjacent to St George's at 1.45 for a 2 pm start. Our walk is just under 2 hours (approximately 3 miles) and will take in some beautiful views of the local countryside, finishing at Balmoral cottage (the home of Charlotte and Donald Molesworth) where we will enjoy refreshments and cake and a look round the garden. Tim Bentley

Walk Church is an experimental "Fresh expression" congregation that offers outdoor Christian fellowship in the context of a walk. We meet once a month at a different location around the Diocese. For more details, please contact Revd Alex Bienfait Email alexander.bienfait@gmail.com, or Tel 07817 892005.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Remembrance Sunday, 8th November.

Remembrance Service, 10.45 am at Benenden Village Hall;
followed by the Act of Remembrance at the war memorial

- "Come and See" St George's Church: Open days, Saturday 14th November, 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday 15th November, 12.30 pm to 5 pm.

- Advent Sunday, 29th November: 10 am Celebration service as St George's Church re-opens! (Plus our Candle-lit Advent Carol service is at 5 pm.) - Only 7 weeks to go!

Loss & Grief Café ~ 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

Lyn Hayes on: 07792 332904 or email: lindapin@aol.com

‘CONNECT FOUR’

Our informal family service

4pm - Saturday 24th October

at Sandhurst Mission Church, Back Road TN18 5JU



Come along and connect with:

***- family and friends - tea, coffee, cake - the Bible - worship - and God!
Refreshments throughout.***

Revd David's Pilgrimage - Winchester to Canterbury

Thank you to everyone who sponsored and supported my recent Pilgrimage walk. The response has been extremely generous and heartening. Donations are still coming in, but so far - including Gift-Aid that we will be able to claim - the total raised for the Kitchen Phase of the RRR Project is £13,688. That is amazing!

If you want to know more about my walk, I will be giving a talk on Sunday 25th October at 2 pm, in the Mission Church in Sandhurst.

(Refreshments and cake will, of course, be on offer!) Revd David.

All Souls' Day Service.

***Monday 2nd November, 7.30 pm, at St Nicholas Church
Refreshments from 7pm.***

Names of loved ones who have passed away in the last three years will be read out.

If there are other names to be requested, please add these to the lists in church.

Or, please email the name of your loved one to Cathy at benendenchurch@gmail.com

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