

# The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February

### The Third Sunday before Lent

**Collect:** Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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.

**8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION**  
led by Revd John Tapper

**10.00 am SUNG EUCHARIST**  
led by Rev David Commander

**Bible Readings:**  
1 Corinthians 15.12-20  
Luke 6.17-26

HYMNS	
194	Alleluia, Alleluia
602	Blest are the pure in heart
238	Come down O love divine
Communion anthem Stainer	How beautiful upon the mountains
Communion Hymn - 712	Lord Jesus Christ
588	And can it be

**4.00 pm MESSY CHURCH**  
led by Revd David Commander

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	8.00 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	6.45 pm	Choir Practice
	8.00 pm	Bell Ringing (tbc)
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2.00 pm	Concert set up and rehearsal
	7.30 pm	Cranbrook Choral Society Concert

**Sunday Next: 24<sup>th</sup> February – Second Sunday before Lent**

*Readings: Revelation 4, Luke 8.22-25*

**8.00 am Holy Communion** led by Revd David Commander

**10.00 am Morning Worship** led by Rickie Bishop

## **Readings: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

### **1 Corinthians 15.12-20**

#### ***The Resurrection of the Dead***

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup>and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup>If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have died<sup>\*</sup> in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.<sup>\*</sup>

### **Luke 6.17-26**

#### ***Jesus Teaches and Heals***

<sup>17</sup> He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

#### ***Blessings and Woes***

<sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> 'Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you<sup>\*</sup> on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> 'But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> 'Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

**Home Groups:** The Tuesday Home Group meets at 8pm at David and Julia Collard's home in Benenden. The Wednesday Home Group usually meets at 7.30pm at Sandhurst Mission Church but there is no meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> (half term). We are back again on 27<sup>th</sup> February. All are welcome to both Home Groups.

**A new Electoral Roll** is to be prepared this year. All members of the old roll must apply to be entered on the new roll and letters will be at the back of the church for you to collect with application forms and details of the Annual Church Meeting. Anyone not previously on the roll who would like to be entered on the new roll please contact David Collard (Electoral Roll Officer) either at church, at home 7 Fuggles Court, Benenden or by telephone on 01580 241944.

**Ash Wednesday - 6<sup>th</sup> March.** There is an Ash Wednesday, for the benefice, at 7.30pm at St. George's Church. This marks the start of Lent and our important journey together through the whole of Lent and Holy Week to the joy of Easter Sunday. The Ash Wednesday service includes the Imposition of Ashes and Communion. In order to make the ashes, I need last year's Palm Crosses back to burn please. Please could you leave your Palm Crosses at the back of St. George's/St. Nicholas or at the Mission Church by Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Thank you. Revd David.

**Exploring God's Calling:** St Mary's Goudhurst is hosting a vocations exploration day with Joss Walker on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30am to 3.30pm. This is for anyone who wants to explore what God might be calling them to, whether that is a formal ministry or something local and informal. More information on the leaflets in church or online on the booking page at [bit.ly/Godcalling](http://bit.ly/Godcalling). Bookings may also be made via Becky Tel 01580 211739.

**Sidespeople: A Plea!** We are in need of recruiting more people to act as Sidespeople for our Sunday services. If you can smile at people and make them feel welcome as they walk into church - whether you know them or not - then you would make a good sidesperson! Please speak to me, or to a Churchwarden, about this if you think you could serve in this way. (The more volunteers we have, the less often everyone has to do it!) Revd David.

**Choral Evensong on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** (at 5pm) is followed by an Organ Recital by Cornelis Taekema.



**AT ST GEORGE'S  
4-6pm TODAY  
SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

**Cranbrook Choral Society**  
**Community Concert**  
in aid of  
*Hospice in the Weald*  
and  
*The Friends of St George's Church*

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019  
at 7.30pm  
in St George's Church, Benenden

Tickets £12 (£6 for students)  
from: Benenden's Community Shop or  
Jenny Stevens: Tel 07720 006244  
Email: [jenny.tenterden@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.tenterden@gmail.com) or at the  
door [www.cranbrookchoral.org.uk](http://www.cranbrookchoral.org.uk)

**Friends of St George's: Dates for your Diary**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.30pm – Community Concert by Cranbrook Choral Society in aid of Hospice in the Weald and the Friends of St George's at St George's**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm – Friends of St George's AGM at St George's**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm – The Choristers of Canterbury Cathedral at St George's**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm – Friends of St George's Annual Quiz at Benenden Village Hall**

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