

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

7th April

The Fifth Sunday of Lent - Passiontide Begins

Collect: Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

Rev'd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10.00 am ALL AGE COMMUNION

led by Rev'd David Commander

We welcome Louise Vickerman from the Weald Family Hub to St George's this morning.

Bible Readings:
Philippians 3.4b-14
John 12.1-8

HYMNS	
707	Lift high the cross
494	I the Lord of sea and sky
157	When I survey the wondrous cross
Communion hymn 142	Glory be to Jesus
Communion hymn	
153	There is a green hill far away

4.00 pm Choir Practice

5.00 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

led by David Harmsworth

Bible readings: Psalm 35, 2 Chronicles 35.1-6 & 10-16, Luke 22.1-13

HYMNS	
Canticles	Stanford in B flat
Responses	Smith
Anthem Stainer	I saw the Lord
Introit	Wood Expectans Expectavi
676	Immortal invisible
12	Before the ending of the day

The Week Ahead

Monday 8 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	7.00 pm	Friends of St George's AGM
Tuesday 9 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Rev'd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
Wednesday 10 th	8.00 pm	Lent Course at Benenden Memorial Hall
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Lent Course at Sandhurst Mission Church
Friday 12 th	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	11.30 am	Churchwardens' meeting at the Rectory
	6.45 pm	Choir Practice
	8.00 pm	Bell Ringing Practice

Sunday Next: 14th April – Palm Sunday

Bible Readings: Psalm 118.1-2 & 19-end, Luke 19.28-40

8.00 am 1662 BCP Holy Communion led by Revd David Commander
followed by breakfast at the Memorial Hall

Procession from the Memorial Hall to St George's for

10.00 am Morning Worship led by Revd David Commander

5.00 pm Evening Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church led by David Harmsworth
Psalm 69.1-20. Bible readings: Isaiah 5.1-7m Luke 20.9-19

Readings: Sunday 7th April

Philippians 3.4b-14

⁴even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ,* the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ* and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Pressing towards the Goal

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal;* but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved,* I do not consider that I have made it my own;* but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly* call of God in Christ Jesus.

John 12.1-8

Mary Anoints Jesus

¹²Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them* with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii* and the money given to the poor?' ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it* so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

This morning, 7th April, Louise Vickerman from the Weald Family Hub is joining us at the 10 o'clock service to give us an update on the work of the WFH and the aspirations for the future. Louise has been in post a few months as the WFH Co-ordinator. There will be a retiring collection at the service to support their work and, I hope, this will also re-ignite our support of this mission. Revd David

Home Groups: The Tuesday Home Group meets at 8pm and during Lent meets at Benenden Memorial Hall. The Wednesday Home Group meets at 7.30pm at Sandhurst Mission Church. All are welcome to both Home Groups. Both groups are following the 5 week Lent course "Dust that dreams of glory".

Pew Faculty: Many months ago we received a Faculty making permanent the removal of the pews at the west end of church. We subsequently made a Faculty Petition to allow us to sell off or otherwise dispose of these pews; this has just been granted. We will be using some of the pew-ends to make-good other pews in church that are not in good condition, but if you are interested in obtaining one of the pews please let one of the Churchwardens know. Revd David.

Lent 2019 - "Dust that dreams of glory". Throughout Lent this course continues at 8pm on a Tuesday evening at Benenden Memorial Hall. It is repeated 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings in Sandhurst Mission Church. Once we reach Holy Week there is a service every day, leading us to the celebrations of Easter Sunday. Please pick up a leaflet with all the details.

Prayers: The funeral of t/l William (Bill) Hinkley will take place at St George's Church on Wednesday 17th April at 11.00am. This will be followed immediately by the committal and burial in the churchyard.

The funeral of t/l Edith Masters will take place at Charing Crematorium on Tuesday 23rd April at 2.40pm. Revd David is on holiday; at the family's request the service is being conducted by Revd Margaret Roylance.

Please hold both these families in your prayers.



Sunday 14th April

Services at St George's

8 am 1662 BCP Holy Communion

*followed by breakfast at the
Memorial Hall – all welcome*

**Procession from the Memorial
Hall to St George's for**

10 am Morning Worship

**The Friends of St George's Church
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday 8th April 2019 in St George's Church
7pm - AGM
7.15pm - Refreshments
7.45pm - Guest Speaker: Charles Trollope
"The Birds of Rye Harbour"
*All Welcome!***

Collingwood Grange Open Gardens Sunday 7th April 2019 The Grange, The Green, Benenden, Kent, TN17 4DN

The Friends of Benenden Grange welcome you to attend the annual open gardens to view the breath-taking beauty of Cherry Ingram's gardens.

This year the newly published book, "Cherry Ingram: The English Saviour of Japan's Cherry Blossoms", written by Naoko Abe will be available to purchase.

Please note that parking at The Grange will be limited to disabled access only and we request that visitors park in the village and access via the entrance on The Green.

Suggested donation of £3 with refreshments available on the day.

All proceeds go to Friends of Benenden Grange to provide opportunities to enrich the lives of adults with learning disabilities.

"Changing Lives Conversations"

Questions for us all to ponder:

1. How has your relationship with Jesus changed your life today?
2. How can I help you be a 7-day-a-week disciple?

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