

# The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November

### Remembrance Sunday

### (The Third Sunday before Advent)

**Collect:** Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday

*Readings: 1 Thess. 4.13-end, Psalm 70, [Matthew 25.1-13]*

#### ***NO SERVICE IN CHURCH***

**10.50am**

#### **ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AT THE WAR MEMORIAL**

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen  
& Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

***PLEASE NOTE FULL DETAILS BELOW RE THE GOVERNMENT  
RESTRICTIONS AND SAFE SOCIAL DISTANCING.***

#### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>            8am    Morning Prayer at St George's (closed service)**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>        8am    Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church  
(closed service)**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>    8am    Morning Prayer at St George's (closed service)**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>           8am    Morning Prayer at St George's (closed service)**

**Sunday Next: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November – The Second Sunday before Advent**

*Readings: 1 Thess. 5.1-11, Matthew 25.14-30*

**Due to the Covid lockdown, there is no public worship in church during  
November. However, please make use the church though for individual  
private prayer whenever you want to.  
Prayer resources are available in Church.**

**Readings: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday**

**1 Thess. 4.13-end**

***The Coming of the Lord***

<sup>13</sup> But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

***Psalm 70***

***Prayer for Deliverance from Enemies***

To the leader. Of David, for the memorial offering.

<sup>1</sup> Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.

O LORD, make haste to help me!

<sup>2</sup> Let those be put to shame and confusion  
who seek my life.

Let those be turned back and brought to dishonour  
who desire to hurt me.

<sup>3</sup> Let those who say, 'Aha, Aha!'  
turn back because of their shame.

<sup>4</sup> Let all who seek you  
rejoice and be glad in you.

Let those who love your salvation  
say evermore, 'God is great!'

<sup>5</sup> But I am poor and needy;  
hasten to me, O God!

You are my help and my deliverer;  
O LORD, do not delay!

***Matthew 25.1-13***

***The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids***

<sup>25</sup>Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." <sup>12</sup>But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

## **Remembrance Sunday, 8th November**

**There will not, unfortunately, be a church service on Sunday 8th November at St. George's Church due to the Covid lockdown.**

**There will however be a short Act of Remembrance at the war memorial starting at 10:50am, led by Revd Rosemary and Revd Ylva, which you are welcome to attend.**

**The Act of Remembrance can go ahead outdoors, but we must:**

- Only gather in our social bubbles (maximum of 6) and maintain 2m social distancing at all times
- Wear face coverings, except when leading at the front (Reducing the risk of transmission.)
- We have to take reasonable steps to keep a Track & Trace record of those who attend or spectate. This can be done by using the NHS QR Code and App (if you have a smart phone), or by giving your name and a contact number to the person with the Register.

**Your cooperation is needed for all of this please.**

**Thank you. Revd David**

## ***Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance for churches***

***Last updated: Wednesday 4 November***

**We are registered with the NHS "Track and Trace", please make use of this if you have downloaded the app to your smartphone.**

Sadly, there will be no live services in church (except funerals) until 2 December,

We are open for individual private prayer every day.

**If you come into church please remember:**

**"Hands. Face. Space."**

Please hand sanitise on entry and exit. Wear a face covering. And maintain 2m social distancing from others not in your household or social bubble. Please do not come to church if you have Covid-19 symptoms.

We follow the guidelines issued by the Church of England. If you wish to read these in full, they are available on the CoE website:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

(More information available on the Coronavirus page of our website.)

There are prayer resources available as you come into church. (Please take them away with you when you leave if you use them.) If you wish to read some scripture when you come to church for private prayer, please bring your Bible with you.

Keep safe. Keep well. Keep praying. And God bless you.

Revd David

**Daily Scripture and Reflection is posted on the St George's Church website  
and Facebook page every day of the week.**

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INFORMATION REGARDING OUR CHURCH SERVICES**

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**Facebook Page:** @StGeorgesBenenden

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