

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship

Sunday 13th April: Palm Sunday

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 13th April – Palm Sunday

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

8 am 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

followed by breakfast at the Memorial Hall

9.45 – 9.50 am Meet at the Memorial Hall for Palm Sunday procession to Church

10 am PALM SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander

Hymns: 159 All glory, laud and honour
702 Lead us, heavenly Father
763 Praise to the holiest
(HC) 140 All ye who seek for sure relief
161 Ride on, ride on in majesty

THE WEEK AHEAD

Holy Week

Monday of Holy Week	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
14 th	7.30 pm	Reflective Service at the Mission Church led by Revd Ylva
Tuesday of Holy Week	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
15 th	10 am	Holy Communion at the Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
	7.30 pm	Reflective Service at St George's led by Revd David
Wednesday of Holy Week	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
16 th	7.30 pm	Reflective Service at the Mission Church led by Lyn Hayes
	7 pm	Central Weald Filling Station at Benenden Primary School
Maundy Thursday 17th	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday service at St George's led by Revd Rosemary
Good Friday 18th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	10 am	An Hour at the Cross at St George's led by Revd David
Easter Eve 19th	7.30 pm	Reflective Service at St George's led by Revd David

Sunday Next: 20th April – Easter Day

Readings: Acts 10.34-43, John 20.1-18

5.40 am SUNRISE SERVICE AT ST NICHOLAS

led by Lyn Hayes & Revd David Commander

followed by breakfast at the Mission Church

8 am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander

10 am SUNG EUCHARIST

led by Revd David Commander

Readings: Sunday 13th April: Palm Sunday

Psalm 118

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!

² Let Israel say,
'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷ The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Luke 19.28-40

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." ' ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' ³⁴They said, 'The Lord needs it.' ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, 'Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!'

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' ⁴⁰He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Prayers:

t/I Peter Walton: Peter's funeral service, followed by burial, will take place at Smallhythe Church at 11.30 am on Tuesday 15th April, followed by a reception in Benenden Village Hall. Please hold Gilly and also Peter's son, David, in your prayers. DJC

Electoral Roll: There is a new Electoral Roll this year. Anyone wishing to re-join or join the roll for the first time will find Application Forms at the back of the church. After completion please place them at the back of the church marked for the attention of David Collard. **The roll closes for all applications next Sunday, 20th April.**

Calling all singers! A special Choral Evensong is planned for 27th April, as a Patronal Festival. The Choir would welcome visiting singers - please contact one of them or Clare Harmsworth. Worshippers also warmly invited. (Refreshments afterwards and a Project 20:20 display!)



Benenden 'Give up a meal for Lent'

We are asking those who are able to give, to consider donating a much needed item that is in short supply to the Nourish Foodbank on a weekly basis.

Donation point in St George's church or please contact Gemma to arrange collection.

NB* – PLEASE LEAVE ALL PACKET ITEMS IN THE LIDDED BOX – otherwise mice feast

13th April: Tinned soup

Easter Sunday: Microwave rice pouches / Noodles **NB***

Contact: Gemma Coupland 07548 262509 gemmalouhunter@gmail.com

<http://www.nourishcommunityfoodbank.org.uk>

Central Weald Filling Station: 7 pm Wednesday 16th April at Benenden Primary School:

This month's speaker is Akhtar Shah, who leads [The Foundry International](#) – the vision is to advance Christianity and relieve poverty around the world, through disciple-making, church-planting, and strategically supporting and empowering effective social and community transformation. All welcome!

'CONNECT FOUR'

Our informal family service

4pm – Saturday 26th April

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!

Friends of St George's AGM

Monday 28th April at 7.30pm in St George's Church
Followed by Dr C Northcote Parkinson and Parkinson's Law.
A talk by Chris Parkinson, his eldest son.
Refreshments. All are welcome.

ST GEORGE'S, BENENDEN – HOLY WEEK SERVICES **13th – 20th April 2025**



Palm Sunday - 13th	8 am	1662 BCP Holy Communion at St George's – led by Revd Rosemary
	9.50 am	<i>followed by breakfast at the Memorial Hall</i>
	10 am	process from the Memorial Hall to St George's
		All Age Communion at St George's - led by Revd David
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Easter Day – 20th	5.40 am	Sunrise Service - <i>in the Churchyard</i> - at St Nicholas, Sandhurst
		– led by Revd David & Lyn Hayes
		<i>followed by breakfast at Sandhurst Mission Church</i>
	8 am	Holy Communion at St George's – led by Revd David
	10 am	Sung Eucharist at St George's – led by Revd David

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