

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Sunday 6th 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.

Sunday 6th April – The Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passiontide Begins

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

8 am HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

10 am ALL AGE COMMUNION led by Revd David Commander & Victoria Bray

Hymns: 811 *Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown*
794 *(ii) The King of love my shepherd is*
437 *Come to me', says Jesus*
(HC) 366 *Living God, your word has called us*
568 *Take up the song, and sing the praise of God*

2.30 pm Baptism of Lara Stoughton at St George's

5 pm CHORAL EVENSONG led by David Harmsworth

Readings: 2 Chron. 35.1-6 & 10-16, Luke 22.1-13. Psalm 35.1-9

Hymns: 619 *Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem*
Choir *Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts' (Purcell)*
171 *Prepare a room for me'*
149 *O love, how deep, how broad, how high!*

THE WEEK AHEAD

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| Monday 7 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at St George's |
| Tuesday 8 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church |
| | 10 am | Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen |
| Wednesday 9 th | 8 pm | St George's Fete: meeting at The Bull |
| | 8 am | Morning Prayer at St George's |
| | 7.30 pm | Bellringing Practice at St George's |
| | 7.30 pm | Lent Course - A Pilgrimage through Prayer - at Sandhurst Mission Church (Week 5 of 5) – all welcome |
| Thursday 10 th | 10 – 11.30 am | Community Choir at St George's |
| Friday 11 th | | <i>No Morning Prayer today</i> |
| | 7.30 pm | Bellringing Quarter Peal Attempt (in place of 3 rd Friday of the month) |
| Saturday 12 th | 2 pm | Interment at St George's |

Sunday Next: 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

Readings: Sunday 6th April – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Philippians 3.4b-14

⁴If 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

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.'

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. Everyone who was on the old roll, and wishes to remain on the new roll, must fill out a new Application Form. Anyone wishing to join the roll for the first time will find Application Forms at the back of the church, and after completion please place them at the back of the church marked for the attention of David Collard. Those already on the roll should have received a new Application Form either by email or by letter. **The roll will close on Sunday 20th April.**

Benenden & Sandhurst Home Groups: During Lent both Home Groups are following our five week Lent Course, led by Lyn Hayes. The course concludes on Wednesday 9th April, 7.30 pm at the Mission Church, Back Road, Sandhurst. All are welcome.

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

6th April: Tinned potatoes

13th April: Tinned soup

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

Contact: Gemma Coupland 07548 262509 gemmalouhunter@gmail.com

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

Invicta Wind Orchestra
presents...

Music for VE80

An evening of music to celebrate and commemorate VE Day,
including film music, popular songs from WWII and reflective music.

Conductor:
Jeremy Cooper

Dambusters March
Eric Coates

7pm
Saturday 3rd May

St Nicholas Church,
Sandhurst Cross,
TN18 5NS

Music by
Ivor Novello,
Glenn Miller
and Richard
Rogers

Tickets £15
(18s and under free)
Refreshments available

INVICTA WIND ORCHESTRA

St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst (Kent)

Friday 30 May at 7pm

Meet the Choir and have some light refreshments at 6pm

Nordic choral sounds

Haga Motettkör from Sweden

Conductor: Michael Dierks

Church Road, Sandhurst, TN18 5NS

Tickets £10 on the door, or pay online via QR code

Christian Aid Week is 11th - 17th May 2025 and St George's Church is fundraising. The climate crisis is destroying many lives, lands and livelihoods. Please give generously to help those battling intense heat waves, deadly droughts and savage storms to adapt and build their resilience. Let's help make a difference. Many thanks for your support. Deborah Jenkins

ST GEORGE'S, BENENDEN – HOLY WEEK SERVICES

13th – 20th April 2025



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| 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 |
| Monday of Holy Week - 14th | 7.30 pm | Reflective Service at Sandhurst Mission Church – led by Revd Ylva |
| Tuesday of Holy Week - 15th | 7.30 pm | Reflective Service at St George's – led by David Harmsworth |
| Wednesday of Holy Week - 16th | 7.30 pm | Reflective Service at Sandhurst Mission Church – led by Lyn Hayes |
| Maundy Thursday - 17th | 7.30 pm | Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at St George's |
| | | – led by Revd Rosemary |
| Good Friday - 18th | 10 am | An Hour by 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 |
| 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 |

St George's Church: Contacts

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