

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 15th February The Sunday next before Lent

Collect: Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 15th February – The Sunday next before Lent

Readings: 2 Peter 1.16-end, Matthew 17.1-9

8 am	HOLY COMMUNION in the Chancel at St George's led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie	
10 am	SUNG EUCHARIST at Benenden Primary School led by Revd David Commander	
	Hymns: 676 <i>Immortal, invisible, God only wise</i> 2 <i>Christ, whose glory fills the skies</i> 709 <i>Light of the minds that know him</i> (HC) 428 <i>Body broken for our good</i> 257 <i>O Spirit of the living God</i>	

The Week Ahead

Monday 16 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	7 pm	Benenden Churchwardens - meeting at the Rectory <i>No Sandhurst Home Group this week</i>
Tuesday 17 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
Ash Wednesday 18th	7.30 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7 pm	Central Weald Filling Station at Benenden Primary School
	7.30 pm	ASHING HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS led by Revd David Commander & Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
Thursday 19 th	10 – 11.30 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at Sandhurst Mission Church
	11 am – 1 pm	Kent Young Ringers at St George's
Friday 20 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	7.30 pm	Bellringing – Quarter Peal attempt – at St George's

Sunday Next: 22nd February – The First Sunday of Lent

Readings: Romans 5.12-19, Matthew 4.1-11

8 am	HOLY COMMUNION in the Chancel at St George's led by Revd David Commander
10 am	MORNING WORSHIP at Benenden Primary School led by David Harmsworth

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2 Peter 1.16-end

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Matthew 17.1-9

¹⁷ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ ⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, ‘Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.’

Home Groups:

Sandhurst: Meets at 7.30 pm on Mondays at the Mission Church. (No meeting this Monday, 16th February – half term.)

Benenden: Meets at 7.30 pm on Tuesdays at David & Julia Collard’s.

PCC Secretary: Julia Collard will be stepping down as our PCC Secretary at this year's APCM in May. (Monday 18th May - an advanced date for your diary!) Julia has carried out this role with dedication for many years; for which we are very grateful. With Julia stepping down, it does mean though that we need to begin thinking about who might take up this role. Is this a way that you might serve our church? If you are wondering what is involved, then please speak to Julia, or to David Collard (David has served as PCC Secretary in the past), or to one of the Churchwardens or myself. Please give this some prayer and thought. Thank you. Revd David.

Ashing Service at St Nicholas, Sandhurst 7.30pm - Wednesday 18th February

led by Revd David Commander & Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

STILL WANTED! Someone to play the piano/keyboard for the hymns at 10am services in Benenden Primary, even occasionally. For more information, please contact a Churchwarden or email benendenchurch@gmail.com

IMPORTANT NOTICE – re all Benenden 10am services & events – Benenden Primary School is a "Nut-free" School. No nuts, of any kind, are to be brought into School on, or in, cakes or as personal snacks please. Revd David

Central Weald Filling Station - 7 pm (for pizza) - Ash Wednesday, 18th February, at Benenden Primary School. This month we are delighted to have our friend and leader of Staplehurst Free Church, Peter Brook, as our speaker. Peter and Alison have been with us since the beginning of our Filling Station, with incredible hearts of love, encouragement and faithfulness. Peter has a huge pastoral heart, and we are so glad to have an evening with him. All are welcome.

Grief Talks ~ Time to share & reflect

Saturday 28th February

10am – 12noon

@ the Mission Church, Back Road, Sandhurst TN18 5JU



Coming to terms with the loss of a loved one can be one of the hardest things we have to do. When someone has died, while we may feel our loved one is at peace, it can still leave us with hugely mixed emotions.

We are offering a morning to explore our grief through conversation, readings and crafting together. It will be a safe space to come to talk and share what has been going on for you. Talking to others who have been through similar experiences can be helpful, or just knowing that someone is there to listen.

For more information and to book this free workshop please contact Lyn Hayes
on 07792 332 904 or email lindapin@aol.com

**To donate to the 'Restore: Renew: Rejoice' project and to support the reordering of St George's, please give via this secure website:
<https://givealittle.co/c/restorerenewrejoicebenenden>**

'CONNECT FOUR'

Our informal family service

4pm - Saturday 28th February
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.

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