

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 1st March The Second Sunday of Lent

Collect: Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 1st March – The Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Romans 4.1-5, 13-17, John 3.1-17

8 am **HOLY COMMUNION in the Chancel at St George's**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

10 am **ALL AGE COMMUNION at Benenden Primary School**
led by Revd David Commander

Hymns: 593 *At the name of Jesus*
 655 *Have faith in God my heart*
 238 *Come down, O love divine*
 595 (HC) *Be thou my vision*
 818 *To God be the glory*

1 pm Quarter Peal Attempt at St George's

5 pm **EVENING PRAYER in the Chancel at St George's**

led by Revd David Commander *Psalm 135. Readings: Numbers 21.4-9, Luke 14.27-33*

The Week Ahead

***Revd David will be on holiday from Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th March.
Should you require the services of a Priest during this time please contact
Sue Fisher, Churchwarden, on Tel 01580 241 907***

Monday 2 nd	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 3 rd	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
	10 am	RRR - Progress meeting at St George's <i>No Benenden Home Group this evening (see below).</i>
Wednesday 4 th	7.30 pm	Fete meeting at The Bull <i>No Morning Prayer today</i>
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
	7.30 pm	Benenden Home Group – attending the talk at Iden Green Congregational Church 'Jesus: The Evidence'
Thursday 5 th	10 – 11.30 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at Sandhurst Mission Church
Friday 6 th		<i>No Morning Prayer today</i>
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Saturday 7 th	4 pm	Interment of t/l David Barnes at St George's

Sunday Next: 8th March – The Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: Romans 5.1-11, John 4.5-42

8 am **1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION** in the Chancel at St George's

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

10 am **MORNING WORSHIP** at Benenden Primary School

led by David Harmsworth

Readings: Sunday 1st March – The Second Sunday of Lent**Romans 4.1-5, 13-17**

⁴What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

John 3.1-17

³Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You^d must be born from above." ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' ⁹Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Home Groups:

Sandhurst: Meets at 7.30 pm on Mondays at the Mission Church.

Benenden: There will be no meeting at David and Julia Collard's on Tuesday 3rd March. Instead, we will attend Iden Green Congregational Church on *Wednesday 4th March*, at 7.30 pm. for a talk: 'Jesus: The Evidence'.

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.

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

Lent 2026: 'Into the Wilderness'

There is a Weald Deanery Lent resource available with a daily scripture, image, reflection and prayer. As we journey through Lent towards Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday, I encourage you to make use of this resource. Hard copies were given out at the service on Ash Wednesday and a copy has been emailed to everyone on the church-family email distribution list. If you've not got one and would like one, or would like a hardcopy, please email me or benendenchurch@gmail.com.

From Monday 2nd March we will be looking at these Lent Reflections in the Home Group on a Monday evening. If you would like to join us for that, you would be very welcome.

Revd David

Confirmation: There is a Weald Deanery Confirmation service on Sunday 31st May 2026; if you, or a family member, are interested in Confirmation, please speak to Revd David.

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>

MOTHERING SUNDAY

15th MARCH

10 am HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
AT
BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



ALL WELCOME!

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