

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 8th February The Second Sunday before Lent

Collect: Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Sunday 8th February – The Second Sunday before Lent

Readings: Romans 8.18-25, Matthew 6.25-end

8 am	1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION in the Chancel at St George's led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
10 am	MORNING WORSHIP at Benenden Primary School led by Revd David Commander <i>We welcome Revd Estella Last, Archdeacon of Maidstone, to our service this morning.</i>
	Hymns: 532 <i>All creatures of our God and King</i> 531 <i>Above the moon earth rises</i> 681 <i>In heavenly love abiding</i> 476 <i>Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go</i>
5 – 6.30 pm	Friends of St George's Beer & Hymns at The Bull

The Week Ahead

Monday 9 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 10 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
Wednesday 11 th	8 am	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	7 pm	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Young Ringers' Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 12 th	10 – 11.30 am	Bellringing Practice at St George's
		Rhythm of Life Community Choir at Sandhurst Mission Church
Friday 13 th	7 pm	Choir Practice at Iden Green Congregational Church
	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church

Sunday Next: 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

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Romans 8.18-25

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 6.25-end

²⁵ ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ ‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Home Groups:

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

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

The Friends of St George's

Join us for an evening of

BEER AND HYMNS

Sunday 8th February at 5pm - in The Bull, Benenden

Please let us know your favourite hymns and join the singalong.

Email your hymn requests to joanne.clube@gmail.com

ALL ARE WELCOME!

St George's Choir Practices – 7 pm – at Iden Green Congregational Church

Thursday 12th February

Thursday 26th February

IMPORTANT NOTICE – 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

Palm Crosses: Please return any Palm Crosses to Revd David by Sunday 15th February. These will be used to prepare the ashes for the **Ash Wednesday service at St Nicholas on 18th February at 7.30pm.** - Please bring these either to St George's at the 8am, or to the Primary School at the 10am services.

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

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
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