

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 10th March

Mothering Sunday

(The Fourth Sunday of Lent)

Collect: God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday: 10th March – MOTHERING SUNDAY – The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Readings: 2 Corinthians 1.3-7, Luke 2.33-35

8 am **1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

10 am **MORNING WORSHIP**
led by Revd David Commander
Hymns: 238 *Come down, O love divine*
 136 *Fathers and mothers*
 137 *God of Eve*
 138 *Our Father God in heaven*

THE WEEK AHEAD

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| Monday 11 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at St George's <i>No Sandhurst Home Group until after Easter</i> |
| Tuesday 12 th | 7.30 pm | Benenden PCC meeting at St George's |
| | 8 am | Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church |
| | 10 am | Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen |
| Wednesday 13 th | 7.30 pm | Lent Course at The Memorial Hall (week 4 of 5) <i>No Benenden Home Group until after Easter</i> <i>No Morning Prayer today (DJC in Frittenden)</i> |
| | 2 pm | Benenden Worship Group meeting at the Rectory |
| | 7.30 pm | Bell Ringing Practice at St George's |
| | 7.30 pm | Weald Deanery Synod meeting at Marden Vestry Hall |
| Thursday 14 th | 10–11.30 am | Community Choir at St George's |
| Friday 15 th | 7 – 8 pm | Choir Practice at St George's |
| | 8 am | Morning Prayer at St George's |
| | 9 am | Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's |
| Saturday 16 th | 7.30 – 9 pm | Bellringing – Quarter Peal Attempt – at St George's |
| | 9.30 – 11.30 am | Churchyard Working Party at St George's |
| | 12 noon | Baptism of Charlie Trustram at St George's conducted by Revd David Trustram |

Sunday Next: 18th March – The Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passiontide begins

Readings: Hebrews 5.5-10, John 12.20-33

8 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
led by Revd David Commander & Vicki Young

10 am **SUNG EUCHARIST**
led by Revd David Commander & Vicki Young

Readings: Sunday 10th March – Mothering Sunday

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Paul's Thanksgiving after Affliction

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. ⁷Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Luke 2.33-35

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Benenden & Sandhurst Home Groups: During Lent both Home Groups are following the Lent Course, on Tuesdays, 7.30 – 9pm at the Memorial Hall. All are welcome to join us.

**Weald Deanery Synod
Open Meeting**

7.30pm on Wednesday 13th March

at Marden Vestry Hall, TN12 9DR

Introductory talk by The Weald Family Hub

All are welcome to attend

Churchyard Working Party at St George's – Saturday 16th March from 9.30 to 11.30 am.
Please do join us if you are able. Dick Hill

UPCOMING CHOIR PRACTICES AT ST GEORGE'S

(All practices from 7 to 8 pm)

Thursday 14th March

Thursday 4th April





Thursday 18th April

NB no practice on 28th March (Maundy Thursday – Communion service)

Revision of the St George's Church Electoral Roll: The Roll will be opened on 17th March and closed on 7th April. If you are already on the Roll you need to do nothing, but if you would like to join the Roll there are Application forms at the back of the church. Please fill out a form and either leave it at the back of the church for the attention of David Collard or post it to David Collard at 7 Fuggles Court, Benenden, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 4EF.

Date for the Diary: Tuesday 22nd April 2024: St George's APM and APCM at Benenden Memorial Hall.

ST GEORGE'S – HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES **Palm Sunday (24th March) to Easter Day (31st March)**

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|  | 8 am | Holy Communion at St George's followed by breakfast at the Memorial Hall |
| | 9.50 am | process from the Memorial Hall to St George's |
| | 10 am | All Age Communion at St George's |
| Monday of Holy Week | 7.30 pm | Reflective Service at Sandhurst Mission Church |
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|  | 7.30 pm | Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at St George's |
|  | 10 am | An Hour by the Cross at St George's |
| Easter Eve | 7.30 pm | Reflective Service at St George's |
| Easter Day  | 6.15 am | Sunrise Service - <i>in the Churchyard</i> - at St Nicholas, Sandhurst followed by breakfast at Sandhurst Mission Church |
| | 8 am | Holy Communion at St George's |
| | 10 am | Sung Eucharist at St George's |

Lent Course 2024
At the Foot of the Cross
A Lenten Journey with Julian of Norwich



5 week course - every Tuesday in Lent from 7.30 - 9pm
at Benenden Memorial Hall
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Lyn Hayes. All are welcome.



Benenden 'Give up a meal for Lent'

We are asking those that 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, details below, to arrange collection.

10th March: Tinned fish

17th March: Tinned spaghetti/ beans

24th March: Corned beef tins

Easter Sunday: Microwave rice pouches

Contact: Gemma Coupland 07548 262509 gemma.louhunter@gmail.com

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

Church Contacts:

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