

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: 18<sup>th</sup> February The First Sunday of Lent

**Collect:** Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 18<sup>th</sup> February – The First Sunday of Lent

*Readings: 1 Peter 3.18-end, Mark 1.9-15*

**8 am HOLY COMMUNION**

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

**10 am SUNG EUCHARIST**

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

*Hymns:*     116     *Be thou my guardian and my guide*  
                  132     *O for a heart to praise my God*  
                  127     *Lord Jesus, think on me*  
                  135     *Take up thy cross, the Saviour said*

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's <i>No Sandhurst Home Group until after Easter</i>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by David Commander
	1 – 3 pm	Sip 'n' Chat Café at Sandhurst Mission Church
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30 pm	<b>Lent Course at The Memorial Hall (week 1 of 5)</b> <i>No Benenden Home Group until after Easter</i>
	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	2 pm	BPS Ash Wednesday Service at St George's
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10–11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St George's
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	4 pm	<b>CONNECT FOUR AT SANDHURST MISSION CHURCH</b>

### Sunday Next: 25<sup>th</sup> February – The Second Sunday of Lent

*Readings: Romans 4.13-end, Mark 8.31-end*

**8 am HOLY COMMUNION**

led by Revd David Commander & Vicki Young

**10 am MORNING WORSHIP**

led by David Harmsworth

**Readings: 18<sup>th</sup> February – The First Sunday of Lent**

**1 Peter 3.18-end**

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once

for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**Mark 1.9-15**

***The Baptism of Jesus***

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

***The Temptation of Jesus***

<sup>12</sup> And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

***The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry***

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

**Prayers:**

**Crissie Symons:** It is with sadness and regret that I have to inform the church family that I have just had it confirmed that Crissie died at the beginning of December last year. There was a small Committal Service held for her at Brighton Crematorium at the beginning of January. A few members of t/l Gordon Reynolds' (Crissie's partner) family attended the service. Revd David.

***'CONNECT FOUR'***

***Our informal family service***

***4pm - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February***

***at Sandhurst Mission Church,***

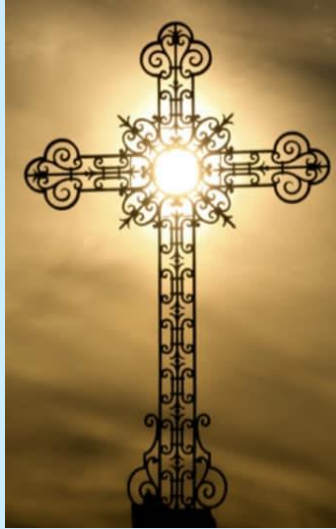
***Back Road TN18 5JU***



***Refreshments throughout. Come along and connect with:  
- family and friends - tea, coffee, cake - the Bible - worship - and God!***

**Benenden & Sandhurst Home Groups: During Lent both Home Groups are following the Lent Course, starting Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall. Full details below. All are welcome to join us. David Collard**

# Lent Course 2024



**At the Foot of the Cross**  
**A Lenten Journey with Julian of Norwich**  
**5 week course**  
**Starting Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February.**  
**from 7.30 to 9pm**  
**at Benenden Memorial Hall**  
**led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Lyn Hayes.**  
**All are welcome.**

## APPEAL!

It has been brought to our attention that a resident of the village is in need of a few items that most of us take for granted. If you have spare, second-hand or new, any of the following, this would be much appreciated:

- Microwave
- Cutlery
- Crockery - plates, bowls, mugs
- Fridge-freezer
- Bedding and bedclothes for a double bed - duvet, pillows, sheets
- Towels
- Blankets
- Washing machine
- Second-hand laptop or desktop computer

Please contact Revd Ylva: [rev.ylva@gmail.com](mailto:rev.ylva@gmail.com) or 07766-711957 or speak to Revd David.



## 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.

- 18<sup>th</sup> February: Pasta sauce jars
- 25<sup>th</sup> February: Baked beans
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March: Tinned potatoes
- 10<sup>th</sup> March: Tinned fish
- 17<sup>th</sup> March: Tinned spaghetti/ beans
- 24<sup>th</sup> March: Corned beef tins
- Easter Sunday: Microwave rice pouches

Contact: Gemma Coupland 07548 262509 [gemmalouhunter@gmail.com](mailto:gemmalouhunter@gmail.com)  
<http://www.nourishcommunityfoodbank.org.uk>

### REVISED DATES! UPCOMING CHOIR PRACTICES AT ST GEORGE'S

(All practices from 7 to 8 pm)


**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

ie **no practice** on 29<sup>th</sup> February or 28<sup>th</sup> March (Maundy Thursday – Communion service)

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