

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: 3rd March The Third Sunday of Lent

Collect: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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: 3rd March – The Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1.18-25, John 2.13-22

8 am HOLY COMMUNION
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am ALL AGE COMMUNION
led by Revd David Commander
*Hymns: 761 Praise the Lord
634 Firmly I believe, and truly
682 In the cross of Christ I glory
584 All my hope on God is founded*

5 pm CHORAL EVENSONG
led by David Harmsworth
Psalms 19. Readings: Exodus 5.1-6.1, Matthew 10.16-22
*Hymns: 294 We love the place, O God
130 My spirit longs for thee
126 Jesus, grant me this
129 Lord, teach us how to pray*

THE WEEK AHEAD

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| Monday 4 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at St George's <i>No Sandhurst Home Group until after Easter</i> |
| Tuesday 5 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church |
| | 10 am | Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen |
| | 11 am - 1 pm | DAC meeting at St George's |
| | 7.30 pm | Lent Course at The Memorial Hall (week 3 of 5) <i>No Benenden Home Group until after Easter</i> |
| Wednesday 6 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church |
| | 7 pm | 20:20 Progress meeting at the Memorial Hall |
| | 7.30 pm | Bell Ringing Practice at St George's |
| Thursday 7 th | 10–11.30 am | Community Choir at St George's |
| Friday 8 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at St George's |
| | 9 am | Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at the Memorial Hall |
| | 12 noon | Memorial Service t/l Martyn Gregory at St George's |
| Saturday 9 th | 10.30 am | Interment of t/l Martyn Gregory at St George's |

Sunday Next: 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

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1 Corinthians 1.18-25

Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our Proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

John 2.13-22

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, ‘Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a market-place!’ ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’ ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, ‘What sign can you show us for doing this?’ ¹⁹Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ ²⁰The Jews then said, ‘This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?’ ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

UPCOMING CHOIR PRACTICES AT ST GEORGE’S

(All practices from 7 to 8 pm)

Thursday 14th March

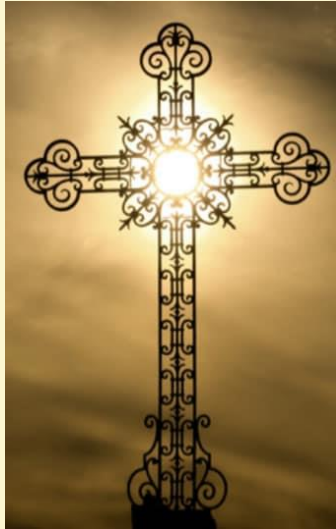
Thursday 4th April

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.

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.

Thank You!

Following our appeal for household goods for a fellow resident, our lovely Church Family and members of the village have together donated all the items needed (and more) in only ONE week! Our friend is slightly overwhelmed and very grateful. A great thank you to all for your generous hearts. True Lenten spirit! When we come together we can move mountains...

Much love to you all. Ylva

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE
AT ST GEORGE'S
Sunday 10th March
10am - Morning Worship
led by Revd David Commander



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.

3rd March: Tinned potatoes

10th March: Tinned fish

17th March: Tinned spaghetti/ beans

24th March: Corned beef tins

Easter Sunday: Microwave rice pouches

Contact: Gemma Coupland 07548 262509 gemmalouhunter@gmail.com
<http://www.nourishcommunityfoodbank.org.uk>

Church Contacts:

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