

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Sunday 18th November

The Second Sunday before Advent

Collect: Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

Bible Readings:

Hebrews 10.11-14 & 19-25

Mark 13.1-8

10.00 am SUNG EUCHARIST

led by Revd David Commander

HYMNS	
218	Thine be the glory
642	God be in my head
584	All my hope on God is founded
780	Soldiers of Christ arise
Communion motet	JB Dykes Eternal Father
650	Great is thy faithfulness

4.00 pm MESSY CHURCH AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd David Commander

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 19 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	BPS Assembly
Tuesday 20 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	8.00 pm	Home Group at David and Julia Collard's
Wednesday 21 st	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	9.00-10.30 am	Brass Cleaning at St George's
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	11.30 am	Interment of Daisy Walsh at St George's
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing
Thursday 22 nd	9.30-11.30 am	BPS Music Lessons in St George's
Friday 23 rd	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9.00 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's
	3.00 pm	BPS Assembly
	6.45 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 24 th	3.45pm-5.15pm	Devon Ringers – bell ringing at St George's

Sunday Next: 25th November – Christ the King

Readings Revelation 1.4b-8, John 18.33-37

8.00 am Holy Communion led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am Morning Worship led by Richard & Sue Fisher

Readings: Sunday 18th November

Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25

¹¹ And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ^{*} had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', ¹³and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

A Call to Persevere

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends,^{*} since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Mark 13.1-8

The Destruction of the Temple Foretold

¹³As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' ²Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'
³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!"^{*} and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Home Groups: The Tuesday Home Group meets in Benenden at 8pm at David & Julia Collard's. All are welcome. There is no commitment to come every week. **The Wednesday Home Group** meets at 7.30pm at Sandhurst Mission Church and is also exploring the Acts of the Apostles.

Sidespeople: A Plea! We are in need of recruiting more people to act as Sidespeople for our Sunday services. If you can smile at people and make them feel welcome as they walk into church - whether you know them or not - then you would make a good sides-person! Please speak to me, or to a Churchwarden, about this if you think you could serve in this way. (The more volunteers we have, the less often everyone has to do it!) Revd David.

Memorial Hall bookings: We need to say a thank you to Jackie Liffen for the years that she has dealt with the bookings for the Memorial Hall. In the last six months this has been computerised and is now much easier to manage. But Jackie has reached a point where it is right for her to hand this task over to someone else. Could that be you? If you would like to know more before committing, please speak to Jackie (Tel 240358) or to myself. Revd David.

Remembrance at St George's: A huge thank you from Jane Dalton-Holmes and myself for the amount raised for the work of the Royal British Legion through the poppy sales and the collections at the Remembrance service and the Commemoration service. An interim total of £5961.10 has been collected so far; this is £1000 more than the final end-of-year total last year. The collection at the Remembrance service was £1292.91, and at the Commemoration service a further £131. Thank you also to the poppy sellers for your efforts in raising this wonderful total. Revd David.

Ride & Stride. Geoff Davison wishes to thank everyone who sponsored him on the Ride & Stride back in September. Geoff has raised an amazing £700 for the work of the Friends of Kent Churches. St George's Church will receive some of this money. Thank you, Geoff, and well done!

Windows of Opportunity: Reflections for Advent will be led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen at St George's on Monday 3rd December at 2pm. All are very welcome.

Accommodation needed: Two staff coming to repair the organ in January need B&B accommodation on two separate dates 7/8th and 21/22nd January and one person on the 28th January. The Church will cover the cost. Any offers of help would be appreciated. Please call David Barnes Tel 01580 240498.

St George's Church website: www.benendenchurch.org

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Charity concert in aid of Catching Lives The Cranbrook Symphony Orchestra

**7.30 pm
Saturday 1st December
at St. George's**

**Programme includes Mendelssohn Violin Concerto with
Freddie Flintoff and Beethoven Symphony No 7
Tickets £10 adults, £5 students from
Benenden's or website or £12/£5 on the door**

Fegans "Understanding this Generation"

**Depression: self harm: anxiety: suicide: eating disorders
Transforming Children's Mental Health. How the Church can be
a part of the solution**

**Spotting the signs. Knowing what to say. How to help
Inspirational talks and practical advice from
The Rt Revd Simon Burton-Jones (Bishop of Tonbridge)
Lindsay Melliush (Systematic and family psychotherapist,
Co-pastor at St Paul's Ealing, Director of New Wine)
Ian Soars (CEO Fegans), Hugh Nelson (Vicar of Goudhurst &
Kilndown)**

**Monday 26th November 7.30 – 9.30 pm
Christ Church, High Street, Tunbridge Wells TN1 1UT
To book a place visit: Fegans.org.uk/event/generation**