

# The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November

### Christ the King

**Collect:** Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who 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 David Commander

**10.00 am MORNING WORSHIP**  
led by Richard & Sue Fisher

**Bible Readings:**  
Revelation 1.4b-8  
John 18.33-37

HYMNS	
769	Rejoice the Lord is King
227	Crown him with many crowns
811	Thou didst leave thy throne
357	All people who on earth

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

**Revd David will be on holiday from Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November inclusive.**  
**Should you need the services of a Priest during this time please contact your**  
**Churchwardens: Julia Collard Tel 241 944 or Tracy Claridge Tel 240 454**

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	BPS Assembly
	7.30 pm	Benenden PCC meeting
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 pm	Home Group at David and Julia Collard's
		<i>No Morning Prayer today</i>
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing
	9.30-11.30 am	BPS Music Lessons in St George's
	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	<i>No Morning Prayer today</i>
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's
	3.00 pm	BPS Assembly
	6.45 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30 pm	Cranbrook Symphony Orchestra at St George's

#### Sunday Next: 2<sup>nd</sup> December – First Sunday of Advent

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end, Luke 21.25-36

**8.00 am Holy Communion** led by Revd David Commander

**10.00 am All Age Communion** led by Revd David Commander & Vicki Young

4.00 pm Choir Practice

**5.00 pm Advent Service of Light** led by Revd David Commander

## **Readings: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

### **Revelation 1.4b-8**

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed<sup>\*</sup> us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made<sup>\*</sup> us to be a kingdom, priests serving<sup>+</sup> his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

### **John 18.33-37**

<sup>33</sup> Then Pilate entered the headquarters<sup>\*</sup> again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

**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.

**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!

**Advent Course:**

**Windows of Opportunity - Reflections for Advent**

will be led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen at St George's on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 7/8<sup>th</sup> and 21/22<sup>nd</sup> January and one person on the 28<sup>th</sup> January. The Church will cover the cost. Any offers of help would be appreciated. Please call David Barnes Tel 01580 240498.

**Charity concert in aid of Catching Lives  
The Cranbrook Symphony Orchestra**

**7.30 pm  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Melluish (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](http://Fegans.org.uk/event/generation)**

# Christmas Services 2018

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	5 pm	Advent Service of Light
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	2 pm	Advent Course at St George's
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	2 pm	BPS Nativity Service
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	1.15 pm	BPS Carol Service
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30 pm	Parish Carol Service
Christmas Eve	3 pm	Crib Service
	11.30 pm	Midnight Communion Service
Christmas Day	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Morning Worship followed by
	10.45 am	Holy Communion

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