

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Our Worship: 17th 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

10.00 am SUNG EUCHARIST
led by Revd David Commander

Bible Readings:
2 Thess 3.6-13
Luke 21.5-19

Hymns	
532	All creatures of our God and King
276	Holy, Holy, Holy,
116	Be thou my guardian
Communion anthem	tbc
Communion hymn 463	Strengthen for service
664	How sweet the name

4.00 pm MESSY CHURCH
led by Revd David Commander

The Week Ahead

Revd David is on holiday from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd November inclusive. Should you require the services of a Priest during this time, please contact your Churchwardens: Tracy Claridge Tel 240454. David Collard Tel 241944

Tuesday 19 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	4.00 pm	'Blend' youth group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	8.00 pm	Home Group at Julia & David Collard's
Wednesday 20 th	10.00 am	Coffee Shop at the Memorial Hall
	7.00 pm	Choir Practice at the Memorial Hall
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 22 nd	9-11.00 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's
	8.00 pm	Bellringing Practice

Sunday Next: 24th November – Christ the King

Readings: Colossians 1.11-20, Luke 23.33-43

8.00 am Holy Communion led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am Morning Worship led by Jacqueline Hewitt and Karen Booth-Clibborn
followed by dedication of Memorial Plaque to Robert & Freda Reynolds led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

Readings: Sunday 17th November

2 Thess 3.6-13

Warning against Idleness

⁶ Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Luke 21.5-19

The Destruction of the Temple Foretold

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

Signs and Persecutions

⁷ They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' ⁸And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

⁹ 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' ¹⁰Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Home Groups: The Tuesday Home Group meets at 8pm in Benenden, usually at Julia and David Collard's. The Wednesday Home Group meets at 7.30pm at the Mission Church. All are welcome to both groups.

Memorial plaque: Following the granting of a Faculty, a new plaque in memory of Robert and Freda Reynolds is to be installed, internally, on the west wall of St George's Church. On Sunday 24th November, immediately following the 10 o'clock service, the plaque will be dedicated by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen. Everyone is welcome to attend this and support the Reynolds family.

Remembrance Sunday: Thank you to all those involved in making the Remembrance Day service and time at the War Memorial run so smoothly. The church collection was £763.04 and, to date, the total amount raised in Benenden for the Royal British Legion is £4100. Thank you, everyone.

Christmas choir at St George's: Enjoy the Parish Carol Service from a different perspective: come and sing with the choir for one night only. No commitment afterwards; just come to at least three of our Wednesday rehearsals beforehand, in the Memorial Hall, 7pm on Wednesdays. See you there, Charlotte.

Diocese of Canterbury

Welcoming Bishop Rose



This month, Rose Hudson-Wilkin will be consecrated and installed as Bishop of Dover and we would love you to help us welcome her to our diocese. There are two ways to join the celebrations:

- **Consecration at St Paul's Cathedral in London - Tuesday 19 November, 11am:** Rose will be consecrated as a Bishop alongside Olivia Graham (Bishop-Designate of Reading). All are welcome to attend and the event is not ticketed.
- **Installation of Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin as Bishop of Dover at Canterbury Cathedral - Saturday 30 November, 3:15pm:** It's set to be a very special day for Canterbury Diocese and we'd love people from across all of our deaneries to join us in welcoming Rose to her new role. This is a **TICKETED** event - please book your free places via this link:
<https://www.canterburydiocese.org/events/installation-service-for-the-bishop-of-dover/>

**BLEND – Youth Group for all 11 to 15 year olds – Tuesdays IN TERM TIME
from 4 to 6pm at Sandhurst Mission Church, Back Road TN18 5JU**

St George's Flower Fund. We will be setting up a stall on Sunday 1st December for the St George's 10 o'clock service, and also for the carol concert in the afternoon. We will be selling, and taking orders for, fresh candle decorations. Any orders for fresh candle decorations received before 18th December can be collected on Saturday 21st December, the day of the parish carol service. There will also be a variety of other decorations and plants on sale. Alison Prall

Cranbrook Symphony Orchestra. Charity Concert at St George's Saturday 30th November at 7.30 pm. Music includes Mendelssohn, Brahms and Bellini with oboe soloist Caitlin Chiu from Benenden School. Profits to be shared between *Catching Lives* and *The Music Well*. Tickets priced £10 adult and £5 student available in advance from Benenden's or the CSO website or on door at £12 adult and £5 student. Please see posters in church for further details.

The Weald Greenhouse launch: YOU ARE INVITED!

The Weald Greenhouse will be launched on Thursday 28th November at Benenden Primary School) and we would love as many people as possible to come along. Revds Steve Coneys and Hugh Nelson will introduce the vision and values of the Greenhouse and will explain how it will work and there will be plenty of time for questions and discussion.

The Weald Greenhouse is for anyone who wants to explore how they could share faith with people for whom Sunday morning church is unlikely to appeal. It's not for spiritual heroes, missionary experts or Billy Graham style evangelists - it's for ordinary Christians who want to try something new for God.

Please spread the word and come along to find out more. More Information at

<https://www.gkchurch.org.uk/greenhouse>



AT ST GEORGE'S, BENENDEN

4-6pm

T O D A Y

SUNDAY 17th November

Aimed at all the family... whatever your age.

Have fun being church together, doing crafts together, worshipping together. The first hour is the craft stuff. Then we have a short time of informal worship.

Finally we'll sit down and eat a meal together.

Please come and join us. You do not have to get messy, just have fun!

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