

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 1st March

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

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd Diana Bourne

10.00 am ALL-AGE COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander

Bible Readings:

Romans 5.12-19

Matthew 4.1-11

Hymns	
421	All for Jesus, all for Jesus
728	Meekness and majesty
454	Love is his word, love is his way
Communion hymn 433	Broken for me, broken for you
Communion hymn 494	I the Lord of sea and sky
588	And can it be

4.00 pm Choir Practice

5.00 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

led by Revd David Commander

Psalm 50.1-15. Readings: Deut 6.4-9, 16-end, Luke 15.1-10

Hymns	
608	Christ is our corner-stone
383	Lord thy word abideth
671	I will sing the wondrous story

The Week Ahead

Monday 2 nd	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Benenden Worship Group meeting
Tuesday 3 rd	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	4 – 6 pm	Blend Youth Group at Sandhurst Mission Church <i>No Tuesday Home Group during Lent (we are following the Wednesday Lent course)</i>
Wednesday 4 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Coffee Shop at the Memorial Hall
	7 – 9 pm	Bellringing practice
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst & Benenden Home Groups – Lent Course at Sandhurst Mission Church
Thursday 5 th	7.30 pm	Deanery Synod meeting at St Mary's, Sutton Valence
Friday 6 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's
	6.45 – 7.45 pm	Choir practice
Saturday 7 th	9 am	Open Diocesan Synod at John Wallis Academy, Ashford
	10.30 am	Ashford & District Bellringing at St George's
	3.00 pm	Colourstrings concert at St George's

Sunday Next: 8th March: The Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Romans 4.1-5, 13-17, John 3.1-17

8.00 am **1662 BCP Holy Communion** led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am **Morning Worship** led by David Harmsworth

5.00 pm **Taize Service at Sandhurst Mission Church** led by Lyn Hayes

Readings: Sunday 1st March

Romans 5.12-19

Adam and Christ

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— ¹³ sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Matthew 4.1-11

The Temptation of Jesus

⁴ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴ But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." ' "

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you",

and "On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' "

⁷ Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' "

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹ and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him." ' "

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Coronavirus / Communion: Until the risk of infection has passed, the priests will use hand-gel before conducting the Eucharist at any of our churches. If you would prefer to dip your wafer in the wine rather than drinking from the chalice, then please do so; but please ensure that your fingers do not contact the wine as this too can cause the transfer of germs. I know that force-of-habit will mean it is all too easy to forget *in the moment of receiving*, but if we can remember it will reduce the risk of any potential transfer of infection. Thank you. Revd David

Home Groups: During Lent both Home Groups are following the Wednesday Lent course held at the Mission Church, Back Road, Sandhurst TN18 5JU. This starts at 7.30pm each week. The Tuesday Home Group reconvenes after Easter.

Sound System: Is there anyone interested in becoming familiar with the basics of the church sound system? (ie to be able to make simple adjustments, if needed, during a service, to learn what/when to adjust for different users and different mic. How to store the mics to reduce damage to them.) This may be of interest to some people who are sidesmen, to those who lead worship, or even if you sit in the congregation and are not scared off by technology! If you are interested, I am happy to run a short session on Saturday 14th March, 10am, in St. George's. (If you can drop me an email if you intend to be there, that would be helpful.) Revd David

Inspiring everyday Faith

Saturday 7 March, 9.00am-12.30pm - John Wallis Academy, Ashford

Booking is essential <https://www.canterburydiocese.org/events/open-synodv2/>

Be encouraged and equipped to be more confident in our churches and communities to bear witness to Jesus Christ. This morning will enable us to get a feel for the national initiative, give some first-hand experiences of how everyday faith can be encouraged and resources that gift us with ways to stimulate new conversations in our worshipping communities and in our everyday encounters.

(This is an open session of Diocesan Synod; all welcome, but you do need to book a place.)



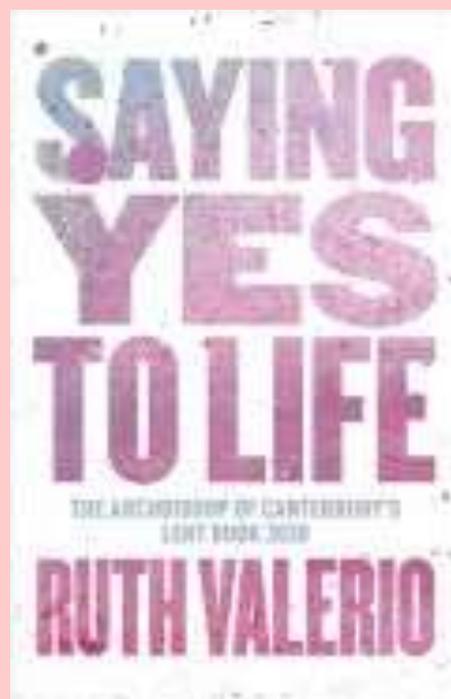
Lent 2020

Archbishop Justin:

“As people of faith, we cannot just say what we believe. We are obliged to live out the life that Christ calls us to live, to care for our neighbours, for the creatures and the creation that God has so generously given us.”

Our Lent Course at the Mission Church, Sandhurst, begins on Wednesday 4th March at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

Using the “#LiveLent” and “Saying Yes to Life” resources. See



Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin, our new Bishop of Dover, will be preaching and presiding at the 10am Sung Eucharist service at St George's Church on Sunday 15th March.

The service is a benefice service; everyone is very welcome to attend and meet our new Bishop over refreshments after the service. Revd David.



The Friends of St George's Church
invite you to an evening with

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FROM ST PETERSBURG

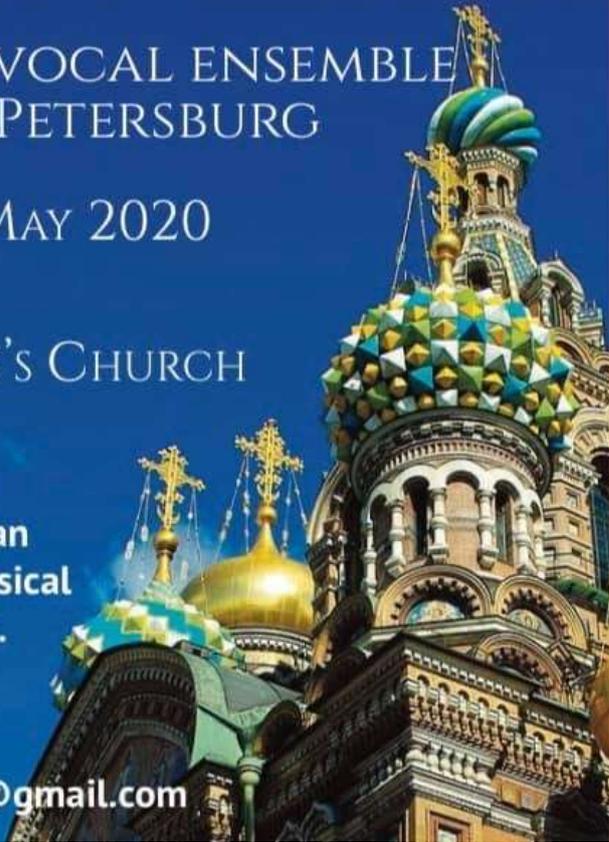
FRIDAY 8 MAY 2020

AT 7.30PM

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

The choir will
perform Russian
Orthodox, classical
and folk music.
More details
to follow.

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**TAIZE SERVICE
AT
SANDHURST
MISSION CHURCH**

**5pm
Sunday 7th March**

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