

The Benefice of St George's, Benenden & St Nicholas, Sandhurst

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

Our Worship: Sunday 22nd March Mothering Sunday

Collect: God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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.

In light of the Government guidance around non-essential contact, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued advice that public worship is suspended until further notice.

Churches should be open where possible but with no public worship services taking place.

All regular and weekly use of all three churches in the Benefice of Benenden & Sandhurst has been suspended.

Weekly Prayer & Communion during suspension of services:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: Every Week

8am	Morning Prayer at St George's conducted by Revd David Commander
5pm	Evening Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church conducted by Revd David Commander

Thursday: Every week

8am	Morning Prayer at home conducted by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
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Sunday: Every week

10am	Early Morning Communion at St George's conducted by Revd David Commander
5pm	1946 BCP Communion Mission Church conducted by Revd David Commander

***Communion is to be taken by Revd David Commander only
Above all dependent on own health and non self-isolating permitting***

Readings: Sunday 22nd March

Colossians 3.12-17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2.33-35

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

St George's: The Electoral roll is open for revision from today until Sunday 5th April. Anyone wishing to be apply to join the roll will find application forms at the back of the church or contact David Collard on Tel 241 944 or at 7 Fuggles Court, Benenden. Members already on the roll can check their details on the roll also at the back of the church.

Prayers: The service of thanksgiving for the life of Jill O'Flaherty, scheduled for Fri 27th March at St George's has been postponed for the foreseeable future. Please pay Jill and her family and friends.

Benefice Worship during Covid-19 service suspensions

On Sundays Revd David Commander will conduct Communion in the two parishes, using the 'Early Morning Communion' sheet at St George's and the 1946 BCP Communion service at Sandhurst Mission Church. Revd David will take the bread and wine on behalf of us all.

Should anyone wish to attend the Daily Prayer or Communion in person, they can; provided they hand-sanitise, and they maintain "safe distancing". There will be notices to this effect on the church doors. All door handles will have been sanitised. No "material" will be handed out; the priest will lead everything. On a Sunday, if people attend, Revd David will offer a short reflection on the reading(s). This will not be an "act of public worship", but a time of corporate prayer which anyone can join in with either remotely or in person.

Revd David is looking at how the above might be recorded and live streamed; or at least recorded and made available We are also looking at making resources, or links to on-line resources, available on our websites.

Helping Hands



Local neighbours friendly support group!

Hello.....

Are you elderly or feeling vulnerable?

In self-isolation from Covid19 + would like support

Want to have a friendly phone call?

Need a helping hand with collecting local shopping or prescriptions we have volunteers that can deliver?

Assistance with Dog walking or feeding animals?

Call your local group

for Sandhurst, Kent

01580 850312 or 01580 851084

Email helpinghands@sandhurstkent.co.uk

Further information on www.stnicholassandhurst.org



BAT

Benenden Action Team

BAT has been set up by volunteers to offer help to those that need it in the Benenden Parish. The aim is to support anyone in self-isolation and to help those that might struggle to get essential items if they don't have transport or have additional health or access issues.

Picking up your order or newspaper from Benenden's Community shop, Walking dog(s) Driving locally, Posting mail, Sharing urgent supplies, Information on the current situation, IT support, Gardening, Offering time to have a friendly phone call

If you need the sort of help a neighbour might provide then please contact your area contact below:

Village centre	Olivia Collier	07587 418 635
Walkhurst Road:	Bud Cuchet	07768 747 866
New Pond Road:	Abigail Barbier	07540 725 577
Iden Green:	Julie Lewis	07896 720 327
East End:	Graham Beveridge	07710 164 490
Dingleden:	Georgina Coloquhoun	07872 960 846
Cranbrook Road:	Peter Thomas	07766 420 254
<small>(from cross roads to Apple Pie Farm & Ninevah)</small>		

Or contact BAT coordinator:
Guy Hagan
 guy@rawfellconstruction.co.uk
 mob: 07515 275150

or

Ruth Clark
 ruthbclark55@gmail.com
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www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19 or: www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Contacts		
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