

# The Benefice of St George's, Benenden & St Nicholas, Sandhurst Our Worship: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday

**Collect:** Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.

## 10am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander at the Rectory

**Service available on-line Sunday morning via the church websites**

<http://www.benendenchurch.org/>

<https://stnicholassandhurst.org/>

## 5pm EVENING PRAYER

Evening Prayer led by Revd David Commander at the Rectory

**Covid-19 - Public worship is suspended and all church buildings locked until further notice.**

### Weekly Prayer & Communion during lockdown & suspension of services:

Every Sunday I will be taking Communion on our behalf at the Rectory. I encourage you to join me "*in spirit*". My hope is that we will all be able to gather in our own homes, at 10 o'clock and share, remotely, the Eucharist.

I hope to have a recording of the service available on the day online. There is also a copy of the service booklet available online and uploaded to the Church websites and Facebook pages.

I will also send this information out to the church-family by email as a back up to the website information. Revd David

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Please also take a look at the church websites and Facebook pages for Daily Scripture and Reflection

<b>On Line Holy Week Services conducted by Revd David</b> <b>– in addition to 8am Morning Prayer and 5pm Evening Prayer each day</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>7.30pm Reflective Service</b> Readings: Hebrews 9.11-15, John 12.1-11
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>7.30pm Reflective Service</b> Readings: 1 Cor 1.18-31, John 12.20-36
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>7.30pm Reflective Service</b> Readings: Hebrews 12.1-3, John 13.21-32
Maundy Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>7.30pm Communion Service</b> Readings: 1 Cor 11.23-26, John 13.1-17, 31b-35
Good Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10am 'At the Cross'</b> Readings: Hebrews 10.16-25, John 18.1-end of 19
Easter Eve 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>7.30pm Reflective Service</b> Readings: Peter 4.1-8, Matthew 27.57-end

**Sunday Next: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Day**  
**Readings: Acts 10.34-43, Matthew 28.1-10**

**10am "Christ is Risen!" – COMMUNION SERVICE**

**PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON THE CHURCH WEBSITES AND / OR FACEBOOK PAGES FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION REGARDING SERVICES HELD ON LINE AT THE RECTORY. PLEASE JOIN REVD DAVID IN SPIRIT.**

**Church Websites:** <http://www.benendenchurch.org/>  
<https://stnicholassandhurst.org/>

**Church Facebook Pages:** @StGeorgesBenenden  
@StNicholasSandhurst

**A Church Near You:** <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/>

**Readings: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

**Psalm 118**

**A Song of Victory**

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures for ever!

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say,  
'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

<sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvellous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup> Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!  
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup> The LORD is God,  
and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.

<sup>29</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

## **Matthew 21.1-11**

### **Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem**

<sup>21</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup> 'Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

**Our church buildings are now be closed – but our church is alive and active.**

#### **Prayer:**

Although the buildings are closed, **it is important that you know that prayer is still happening every day.** I will be saying Morning Prayer at 8am and Evening Prayer at 5pm, Monday to Saturday, at the Rectory. Please join me **"in spirit"** to pray for our community, our nation, and the world. I will be using this resource: "Worship at Home"; follow this link: [https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-03/midweek\\_worship\\_at\\_home\\_0.pdf](https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-03/midweek_worship_at_home_0.pdf) for a copy of the Daily Prayer. **If there is something particular you would like prayer for, please send me an email or give me a call.**

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#### **Care:**

**"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength . . . Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:30-31)**

Now really is the time to care for your neighbour. Please, pick up the phone, speak to them. We are a strong community, a caring community. Together we will get through this.

Finally, I encourage you to use these prayers when you get up and when you go to bed:

#### **A prayer in the morning:**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'.

Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.

Hear my prayers for others and for myself, and keep me in your care. **Amen.**

#### **A prayer in the evening:**

God our Father, by whose mercy the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light: we place in your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper.

To your love and protection we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Revd David**