

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 November All Saints' Day

Collect: Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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.

Sunday 1st November – All Saints' Day

Benefice Services: *Readings: 1 John 3.1-3, Matthew 5.1-12*

8am **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS, SANDHURST**
led by Revd David Commander

10am **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S, BENENDEN**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Revd David Commander

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 2nd	8am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30pm	All Souls' Day Service. Commemoration of the Faithful Departed led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
Tuesday 3rd	8am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	1.30pm	MLT meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church
	6.30pm	Simulator Bellringing Practice at St George's
Wednesday 4th	8am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 5th	12 noon	Funeral of t/l Michael Patrick at St George's
Friday 6th	8am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's (tbc weekly)
Saturday 7th	9am	Stewarding meeting at St George's
	10am	Interment at St George's

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed: Our annual service this year is at St George's tomorrow, **Monday 2nd November at 7.30pm**, led by Revd Rosemary.

Sunday Next: Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday

Readings: 1 Thess. 4.13-end, Psalm 70 [Matthew 25.1-13]

8am HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S, BENENDEN

led by Revd David Commander

10am SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen (***NB ticketed service***)

10.55am ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

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1 John 3.1-3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 5.1-12

The Beatitudes

⁵When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Prayers: Please pray for Angela Patrick and family following the passing of her husband, Michael, on 15th October. Please hold them all in your prayers. Michael's funeral has been arranged to take place at St George's Church at midday on Thursday 5th November.

Daily Scripture and Reflection is posted on the St George's Church website and Facebook page every day of the week.

PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION REGARDING OUR CHURCH SERVICES

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

Facebook Page: @StGeorgesBenenden

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

COVID-19 Permitted Activities under the 3 Tier SystemIssue Date 14th October 2020 Version 1.0

Issued by The House of Bishops Recovery Group

Tier 1 - Medium***Public worship in church or in other premises where church services are routinely held***

Permitted as an organised gathering provided any person attending is:

- alone or
 - part of a group of not more than 6 or
 - part of group all from the same household or from two linked households;
- and must not join any other group or mingle with any person from another group.

Church service in a public outdoor place

Permitted as an organised gathering provided the organiser carries out a statutory risk assessment and takes all reasonable measures to limit risk of transmission of coronavirus, as described in the guidance available. Any person attending must do so either:

- alone or
 - as part of a group of not more than 6 or •
- as part of group all from the same household or from two linked households and must not join any other group or mingle with any person from another group

Weddings in church

Permitted provided the gathering consists of no more than 15 persons.

Funerals in church, churchyard, cemetery or crematorium

Permitted provided the gathering consists of no more than 30 persons

Baptism (whether during public worship or free-standing)

Same as for public worship in church or in other premises where church services are routinely held (see above).

Meetings (APCM etc.) in church or church hall

Same as for public worship in church or in other premises where church services are routinely held (see above).

Remembrance Sunday events (so far as not covered under the above exceptions for church services)

Permitted. Persons attending are limited to:

- those attending as part of their work
- those providing voluntary services for event
- members of the armed forces
- veterans of the armed forces, their representatives and carers
- spectators who participate alone, or as part of a group of no more than 6, or as part of a group all from the same household or from two linked households; ***spectators must not join any other group or mingle with any peers***

Remembrance Sunday at St George's: This year, the way we mark Remembrance Sunday will, of necessity, be different. We will hold a short service in St George's Church starting at 10am; conducted by Revd Rosemary. Numbers will be severely restricted in church - well down on the usual attendance for our Remembrance Day service; **the service will be ticketed.** There is a sign-up form in the church porch. If you wish to attend the Remembrance Sunday service please come up to church and put your name down, and then come to the Rectory to collect your ticket(s).

Once the allocated numbers have been reached, we will be unable to admit any more people to the 10 o'clock service on the 8th November. Sorry. However, the Act of Remembrance – with Roll of Honour, Last Post, Two-Minutes Silence, and Reveille - will take place down at the village war memorial; this will start at 10:55am on Sunday 8th. If you can't get to church, please do come to this commemoration.

Please remember: no groups of more than 6 people at the Memorial; and maintain social distancing between groups at all times.

Armistice Day will be marked in the village, with an act of remembrance at the war memorial starting just before 11am on Wednesday the 11th November.

Track and Trace: You will have heard of the launch of the NHS "Track and Trace" app. If you have a smartphone, please consider downloading and using this app. It is not a solution to our problems, but another tool to help fight the virus along with "Hands. Face. Space"..... hand sanitising; wearing a face covering; and maintaining 2m social distancing.

Each of our three churches has been registered, and a QR code/poster is displayed in the entrances. If you use your app and the QR code when you enter church we do not need to keep a paper record of your name and contact details. You can download the app from the "Apple App Store" or "Google Play". Revd David.

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