

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March The Second Sunday of Lent

**Collect:** Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March – The Second Sunday of Lent

*Readings: Philippians 3.17-4.1, Luke 13.31-end*

<b>8 am</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
<b>10 am</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> led by Revd David Commander
	<i>Hymns:</i>
	4 <i>New every morning is the love</i>
	135 <i>Take up thy cross, the Saviour said</i>
	595 <i>Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart</i>
	(HC) 683 <i>Jerusalem the golden</i>
	748 <i>O Jesus, I have promised</i>

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	11 am	Benefice PCC Treasurers & Churchwardens - meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	4 pm	Discipleship & Mission Group – 'Encouragement in Prayer' meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	4pm	20:20 Project – meeting at Richard's
	7 pm	Central Weald 'Filling Station' at BPS
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Lent Course - A Pilgrimage through Prayer - at Sandhurst Mission Church (Week 2 of 5) – all welcome</b>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing: Quarter Peal attempt at St George's
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>4 pm</b>	<b>CONNECT FOUR – Family Service – at Sandhurst Mission Church</b>

### Sunday Next: 23<sup>rd</sup> March – The Third Sunday of Lent

*Readings: 1 Cor. 10.1-13, Luke 13.1-9*

<b>8 am</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> led by Revd David Commander
<b>10 am</b>	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b> led by David Harmsworth
<b>3 pm</b>	<b>Benenden Girls' School Confirmation Service at St George's</b>

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***Philippians 3.17-4.1***

<sup>17</sup> Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>41</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

***Luke 13.31-end***

<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' <sup>32</sup>He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

**Prayers:**

**Please continue to hold David Barnes in your prayers:** He is currently in the William Harvey hospital. Please hold Anne, Katie and Stephen in your prayers.

It is with sadness that I have to tell you that **Peter Walton** passed away peacefully in the early hours of Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Although he and Gilly did not worship at St George's, Peter had a strong faith and regularly attended Smallhythe Church. Peter's funeral service, followed by burial, will take place at Smallhythe Church at 11.30 am on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April, followed by a reception in Benenden Village Hall. Please hold Gilly and also Peter's son, David, in your prayers. DJC

**Electoral Roll:** There is to be a new Electoral Roll this year. Everyone who was on the old roll, and wishes to remain on the new roll, must fill out a new Application Form. Anyone wishing to join the roll for the first time will find Application Forms at the back of the church, and after completion please place them at the back of the church marked for the attention of David Collard. Those already on the roll will be sent a new Application Form either by email or by letter. The roll will close on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

**A milestone! An application has been made for a Faculty** for the undertaking of our updating and improvement works, as has been discussed at two recent Church Meetings. This is a legal requirement and is subject to a formal 28 day Public Consultation period from 28<sup>th</sup> February to 30<sup>th</sup> March. A Public Notice advertising this is posted on the church door, on the porch notice board and on the scheme notice board at the back of the church, together with a set of the plans. The works will be phased and, importantly, involve a new heating system, toilets and improvements to access for wheelchairs and those less mobile.

**We draw this to your attention.** Should you wish to support the proposals or object then please write to the address on the Public Notice. Any questions can be addressed to one of the three petitioners. Richard Stubbings

**Benenden & Sandhurst Home Groups:** During Lent both Home Groups are following our five week Lent Course, led by Lyn Hayes. The course continues on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 pm at the Mission Church, Back Road, Sandhurst. All are welcome.

**Christian Aid Week is 11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and St George's Church is fundraising.** The climate crisis is destroying many lives, lands and livelihoods. Please give generously to help those battling intense heat waves, deadly droughts and savage storms to adapt and build their resilience. Let's help make a difference. Many thanks for your support. Deborah Jenkins

## **Fun Chicago Bridge Afternoon**

in aid of St Nicholas Church

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

at the Mission Church, Back Road, Sandhurst TN18 5JU

1.40 for 2pm start; play will finish at 5pm

Tea, delicious cakes prizes and a raffle. Tables of four £24.

Please bring your own bridge cloth, cards, pencils and bidding boxes, if you have them.

To book tables or for further information please contact:

Anne Tylden-Wright Tel: 01580 850281 Email: [tyldenwright@gmail.com](mailto:tyldenwright@gmail.com)

## **'CONNECT FOUR'**

*Our informal family service*

**4pm - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

at Sandhurst Mission Church, Back Road TN18 5JU



***Come along and connect with:***

***- family and friends - tea, coffee, cake - the Bible – worship - and God!  
Refreshments throughout***



**Benenden**

**'Give up a meal for Lent'**

We are asking those who are able to give, to consider donating a much needed item that is in short supply to the Nourish Foodbank on a weekly basis.

Donation point in St George's church or please contact Gemma to arrange collection.

**NB\* – PLEASE LEAVE ALL PACKET ITEM IN THE LIDDED BOX – otherwise mice feast**

16<sup>th</sup> March: Baked beans / Tinned spaghetti

23<sup>rd</sup> March: Pasta **NB\***

30<sup>th</sup> March: Tinned fish

6<sup>th</sup> April: Tinned potatoes

13<sup>th</sup> April: Tinned soup

Easter Sunday: Microwave rice pouches / Noodles **NB\***

Contact: Gemma Coupland 07548 262509 [gemmalouhunter@gmail.com](mailto:gemmalouhunter@gmail.com)

<http://www.nourishcommunityfoodbank.org.uk>



# Lent Course 2025

## A Pilgrimage through Prayer

This year's Lent course uses the theme of Pilgrimage to help us explore different aspects of prayer to hopefully gain a sense of travelling together, enriching our own prayer life along the way.

During the course we will often be referring to one of the best known pilgrim routes in Europe, the Camino de Santiago de Compostela.

The Camino has a long history with many different starting points and many different routes, but all leading to the same destination.

We would love to journey with you as we discover new and different ways of praying or to enhance our own personal prayer practices & habits.

**The course begins on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March for 5 weeks and will be held at the Mission Church, Back Road, Sandhurst from 7.30pm.**

Refreshments will be available. Buen Camino!

**Central Weald Filling Station – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – 7pm (for pizza!) at Benenden Primary School:** Our March speaker is Filling Station regional director James Nichols. James has been a great support to our Filling Station over the years, bringing encouragement and a prophetic edge to his teaching. We hope to see you there!

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