

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February The Second Sunday before Lent

**Collect:** Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February – The Second Sunday before Lent

*Readings: Revelation 4, Luke 8.22-25*

8 am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
10 am	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie  Hymns:    532 <i>All creatures of our God and King (omit v 5 &amp; 6)</i> 595 <i>Be thou my vision</i> 721 <i>Love divine</i> 810 <i>Thou, whose almighty word</i>

### THE WEEK AHEAD

*Revd David is on holiday, returning on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.*

*Should you require the services of a priest during this time, please contact your Churchwardens: David Collard Tel 241 944 Sue Fisher Tel 241 907*

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	8 pm	Open Deanery Synod meeting at St Dunstan's, Cranbrook
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10 am	Home Group at Julia & David Collard's
	11.30 am	Coffee Morning at the Memorial Hall
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	Funeral of t/l Marie Orson at St George's
	12 noon	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9 – 11 am	Burial of t/l Colin Morrison at St George's
		Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's

### Sunday Next: 27<sup>th</sup> February – The Sunday next before Lent

*Readings: 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2, Luke 9.28-36*

8 am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> led by Revd David Commander
10 am	<b>MORNING WORSHIP &amp; BAPTISM of Marley Sculley</b> led by Revd David Commander

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### **Revelation 4**

#### **The Heavenly Worship**

<sup>4</sup>After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.’ <sup>5</sup>At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! <sup>3</sup>And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. <sup>4</sup>Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. <sup>5</sup>Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; <sup>6</sup>and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: <sup>7</sup>the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle.

<sup>8</sup>And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

‘Holy, holy, holy,  
the Lord God the Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come.’

<sup>9</sup>And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, <sup>10</sup>the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

<sup>11</sup> ‘You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honour and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created.’

### **Luke 8.22-25**

#### **Jesus Calms a Storm**

<sup>22</sup> One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side of the lake.’ So they put out, <sup>23</sup>and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. <sup>24</sup>They went to him and woke him up, shouting, ‘Master, Master, we are perishing!’ And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. <sup>25</sup>He said to them, ‘Where is your faith?’ They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?’

### **Funerals and prayers:**

Please hold the following people and their loved ones in your prayers:

t/l **Marie Orson**; Funeral: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 11.30am at St George's

t/l **Colin Morrison**; Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February: Burial circa 12.15pm at St George's. (The funeral service is to take place at St Andrew's, Tenterden earlier in the day.)

t/l **Catherina Conway**, Funeral, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March (tbc), 3pm at St George's

t/l **Elsie Mattey**, Funeral: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 12.30pm at St George's

Following their funerals at St George's this past week, we continue to hold. t/l **Penny Crawford** and t/l **John Hare**, and their loved ones, in our prayers.

**Palm Crosses:** Can you please let me have your old palm crosses back, ready for creating the ashes for the Ash Wednesday service on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. (The service is at 7.30pm at St George's Church.) There will be a basket at the back of the church. Please let me have your old palm crosses by Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you. Revd David

**Deanery Synod:** On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February there is an "open" Deanery Synod meeting - meaning anyone is welcome to attend the meeting. There will be a guest speaker - Ms Claire Roberts from the Diocesan Pastoral Committee. Claire will give a talk on Bereavement Counselling. If this is something that is of interest to you, or if you would like to know more about it, or explore if God might be calling you to be involved in this ministry - then please come along. The meeting is at St. Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook, and starts at 7.30pm.

**St George's Electoral Roll:** There will be a revision of the Church Electoral Roll. The Roll will open on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February and close on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Anyone wishing to apply to join the Roll or be removed from it should contact David Collard at 7 Fuggles Court, Benenden, TN17 4EF or Tel 01580 241944 or email Julia.Collard@btinternet.com. There are application forms at the back of the church and, once completed, they can be left at the back of the church marked for the attention of David Collard.

**Summer Fete - in support of St. George's Church - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022:** We are putting out a plea for "cake pledges"! Could you bake a cake (or cakes) for the fete cake stall? If so, please would you contact Helen Jewsbury who is looking after this stall and let her know you are happy to provide a cake on the day. Helen's contact details are Tel 07938 004262 or email helen.jewsbury@talk21.com.

### Covid guidelines in public worship

You will be aware of the latest relaxing of the Covid guidelines by the Government. This is the line we are taking at St George's:

**Hands:** Please sanitise on entry and exit

**Face:** Face coverings are optional once again.

***It's about looking after one another and being respectful.***

**Space:** Respect others; create space; make use of the whole church

**NHS Track & Trace:** Please use the QR Code or Register.

**Congregational Singing - will still take place. The “Safe zone” will continue to be made available, when possible, on south side of church.**

**Communion: distribution will continue by “simultaneous administration” (ie intinction of the wafer immediately before distribution.) Refreshments will be served after the 10 o'clock service - please take your refreshments sitting down, as you would if you were in a cafe.**

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