

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 23rd 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.

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Readings: Revelation 4, Luke 8.22-25

8 am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander

10 am MORNING WORSHIP

led by David Harmsworth

Hymns: 276 *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!*
709 *Light of the minds that know him*
623 *Eternal Father, strong to save*
275 *Holy, holy, holy One*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 24 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at the Mission Church
Tuesday 25 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church
		led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	7.30 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 26 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St Nicholas, Sandhurst
Thursday 27 th	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
	7 – 8 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 28 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
Saturday 1 st	9.30 am – noon	Churchyard Working Party at St George's
	4 pm	'CONNECT FOUR. family service at Sandhurst Mission Church

Sunday Next: 2nd March – The Sunday next before Lent

Readings: 2 Cor. 3.12-4.2, Luke 9.28-26 [37-43a]

8 am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

10 am ALL AGE COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander & Victoria Bray

5 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

led by Revd David Commander

Psalm 89.5-12. Readings: Exodus 3.1-6, John 12.27-36a

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Revelation 4

⁴After 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.' ²At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! ³And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. ⁴Around 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. ⁵Coming 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; ⁶and 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: ⁷the 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. ⁸And 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.'

⁹And 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, ¹⁰the 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,

¹¹ '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

²² 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, ²³and 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. ²⁴They 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. ²⁵He 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?'

Prayers: t/l Revd Dick Dengate, former Rector of St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst. Dick's funeral is this coming Friday, 28th February, at 2pm, at St Peter & St Paul's Church, Peasmarsh TN31 6XE. This will be a church funeral service followed by burial in the churchyard. Revd David

**Our Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, 5th March
at St George's at 7.30pm.**

**Please return last year's palm crosses to Revd David
by Sunday 2nd March**

There is a collection basket at the back of church.

Churchyard Working Party at St George's - Saturday 1st March from 9.30 am to noon. Please do join us if you are able. Dick Hill

Selection of next Archbishop of Canterbury: Elections to 'Vacancy in See Committee': The 'Vacancy in See Committee' is a statutory committee, which has a permanent existence but only meets during a vacancy. The committee assists in the procedure of appointing a new Archbishop of Canterbury or Bishop of Dover. You do not have to be a member of Diocesan Synod to stand. **Nominations are welcomed – by no later than midday on 24th February 2025.** Please do pick up a leaflet, detailing further information and a nomination form, from the back of church if you are interested in standing.

'CONNECT FOUR'

Our informal family service

4pm - Saturday 1st 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***

Loss & Grief Café
Time to share & reflect



Saturday 15th March - 10 am to 12 noon
at the Mission Church, TN18 5JU

We are offering a morning to explore our grief through conversation, readings and crafting together. Talking to others who have been through similar experiences can be helpful, or just knowing that someone is there to listen.

For more information and to book this free workshop please contact Claire Roberts on 01580 754374 or email clairecr57@yahoo.com

Fun Chicago Bridge Afternoon

in aid of St Nicholas Church

Wednesday 19th 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:

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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 12th March for 5 weeks and will be held at the Mission Church, Back Road, Sandhurst from 7.30pm.

Refreshments will be available.
Buen Camino!

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