

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 24th November

Christ the King

(Sunday next before Advent)

Collect: Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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Readings: Revelation 1.4b-8, John 18.33-37

8 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
led by Revd David Commander

10 am **MORNING WORSHIP**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

Hymns 818 *To God be the glory, great things he has done!*
 35 *Fling wide the gates, unbar the ancient doors*
 698 *King of glory, King of peace*
 489 *From heaven you came*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 25 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Benenden PCC meeting at St George's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 26 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	7.30 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 27 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Bellringing Practice at St Nicholas
Thursday 28 th	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
	7 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 29 th		<i>No Morning Prayer today</i>
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's
Saturday 30 th	9.30 am	Advent Star put up
	10 am – 12 noon	Grief Talks: Bereavement workshop at the Mission Church. All are welcome.

Sunday Next: 1st December – Advent Sunday

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end Luke 21.25-36

8 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am **ALL AGE COMMUNION**
led by Revd David Commander & Victoria Bray

5 pm **ADVENT CAROL SERVICE**
led by Revd David Commander

Readings: Sunday 24th November: Christ the King

Revelation 1.4b-8

⁴ Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

John 18.33-37

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' ³⁴Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' ³⁵Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' ³⁶Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' ³⁷Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Sunday 24th November: All are welcome to join 'Walk Church' TODAY.

Meeting at St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst at 1.45pm for a 2pm departure.

The walk will be about 3 miles long and will last, with stops along the way, just under 2 hours. We finish with tea and cake back at St Nicholas. 'Walk Church' is an experimental "Fresh expression" congregation that offers outdoor Christian fellowship in the context of a walk. We meet once a month at a different location around the Diocese.

For more details, please contact Revd Alex Bienfait at alexander.bienfait@gmail.com,

Tel: 07817 892005 or take a look at the website: walkchurch.org.uk.

The Camino Ingles 2024

I would just like to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who donated to the DAVSS (Domestic Abuse Victim Support Services) Charity in memory of Louise Nicholson as we walked the Camino Ingles from Ferrol in Northern Spain to the Cathedral of St James in Santiago de Compostela.

What a journey we had -120km through the most beautiful landscapes, following rivers, discovering ancient springs, walking through eucalyptus forests, scaling the hills, running down the valleys, encountering sacred and holy places - all the while feeling the pull of the Camino as we got to know each other through our conversations and shared experiences along the way. It was a journey that I will forever remember for the friendships formed and strengthened – we laughed and cried, danced and sang, got soaking wet and dried out in the sun, swam in the sea and walked silently or in deep conversation. Cafe con leche consumed by the bucket load, along with the obligatory slurp of Vino Tinto at the completion of every section of the Camino - six days to get to know fellow pilgrims and to share stories with each other.

All I can say is 'Watch this space' for future developments regarding another foray along one of the routes. To top it all, between the seven of us we managed to raise the magnificent sum of £12,200 which we were very proud to present to the charity at their AGM last Tuesday. Quite an achievement. So, thank you all for your contributions. Buen Camino!! Lyn Hayes

ADVENT SERVICE OF LIGHT



at St George's - 5 pm - Sunday 1st December



12 'Foods' of Christmas

During Advent, can you consider donating the most needed food items to support those in most need at this time of year?

Long life milk

Pasta

Rice pudding

Tinned fruit

Noodles

Spreads: Jam, peanut butter, Marmite

Tins of fish

Tinned potatoes

Tinned pulses

Tinned baked beans & spaghetti

Soup

Nourish would also greatly appreciate your Christmas non-perishable leftovers in the new year! Collections can be arranged.

Contact: Gemma Coupland 07548 262509 gemmalouhunter@gmail.com

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

Grief Talks - Time to share & reflect

Saturday 30th November: 10 am – 12 noon

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

Coming to terms with the loss of a loved one can be one of the hardest things we have to do. When someone has died, while we may feel our loved one is at peace, it can still leave us with hugely mixed emotions.

We are offering a morning to explore our grief through conversation, readings and crafting together. It will be a safe space to come to talk and share what has been going on for you.

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 claireecr57@yahoo.com

Christmas Lunch: We are inviting people who would otherwise be on their own to join us for our Christmas lunch in the Memorial Hall on Christmas Day. We don't charge for this as people very generously offer items of food etc. Our food list is almost complete, but we would be grateful for the odd bottle of wine or soft drink and donations towards the cost of the meat which is always the most expensive item to buy. If you are able to offer some help on the day, we would also love to hear from you. We would particularly appreciate help at the end of the day with clearing up etc. Usually from 4-4.30pm onwards. Helen Commander

Ven. Andrew Sewell, Archdeacon of Maidstone, will be retiring on 18th January 2025. There will be a service at Canterbury Cathedral to mark Andrew's service to the Diocese in January; Sunday 12th has been muted, but this is to be confirmed. His support for us in our two parishes, and as a personal colleague, will be missed. Revd David

Parish Carol Service at St George's



Tuesday 17th December at 7:30pm

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