

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 3rd 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 3rd November – All Saints' Day

Readings: Revelation 21.1-6a, John 11.32-44

8 am **HOLY COMMUNION** led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

10 am **ALL AGE COMMUNION** led by Revd David Commander

Hymns 296 *For all the saints (vv1-3 and 8, omit 4-7)*
713 *Lord of all hopefulness*
664 *How sweet the name of Jesus sounds*
(HC) 304 *Let saints on earth*
477 *Go forth and tell*

7.30pm **ALL SOULS' SERVICE**

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Refreshments in church from 7pm

led by Revd David Commander, Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Revd Rosemary

Kobus van Wengen *Readings: 1 Peter 1.3-9, John 6.37-40*

Hymns 799 *The Lord's my Shepherd*
681 *In heav'nly love abiding*
10 *Abide with me*
652 *Guide me, O thou great Redeemer*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 4 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 5 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander <i>No Benenden Home Group today</i>
Wednesday 6 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 7 th	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
Friday 8 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's

Sunday Next: 10th November – Remembrance Sunday (the Third Sunday before Advent)

Readings: Hebrews 9.24-end. Mark 1.14-20

8 am **1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10.45 am **SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AT ST GEORGE'S**

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie. Revd Tracey Bateson preaching

Reading: Revelation 21.1-7

followed by ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

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Revelation 21.1-6a

²¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.'

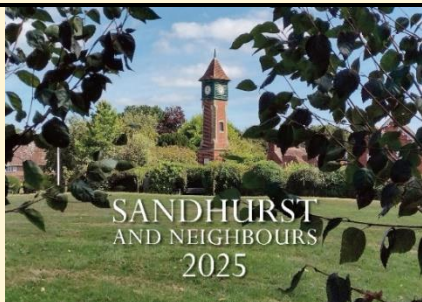
⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁶Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

John 11.32-44

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Benenden Home Group: There will be no meeting on 5th November, although members of the group are expected to read up on the book '90 Minutes in Heaven' in preparation to start studying the book on 12th November. David Collard



SANDHURST & NEIGHBOURS CALENDAR

Following last year's successful sales of the Sandhurst Calendar, I have produced a follow up one for 2025. These will be available to view in St George's and Sandhurst Mission Church and cost £10 each - sales in aid of the St Nicholas' organ overhaul fund.

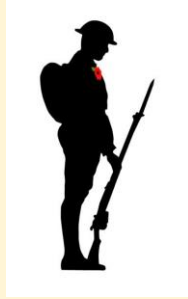
If you would like a calendar, please ask Katherine O'Neil – 01850 850159 or 07794 068373 or put your name on the list at the back of church.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AT ST GEORGE'S

10.45 am - Sunday 10th November

followed by

Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial



The former Dean of Canterbury the Very Revd Robert Willis, died “suddenly and peacefully” in the United States on Tuesday 29th October. He was 77. In a message to Berkeley Divinity School, Yale, on Wednesday, where Dean Willis was a resident Fellow, his partner, Fletcher Banner, said: *“It is with great sadness that I have to tell you all of Dean Robert’s passing. After a brief illness whilst at Yale in America, Robert suffered heart failure and died last night. Robert was a man of great faith and intellect whose greatest joy was to share his life with others.”*

Towards the end of his 21 years in Canterbury, he became known for his garden ministry during the first national lockdown during the pandemic, when Canterbury Cathedral — like other churches — was forced to close to worshippers. The initiative was his own, supported by his partner, as a way of not breaking the 1400-year tradition of the daily Office at the Cathedral. The popularity of Dean Willis’s broadcasts took off thanks to the frequent impromptu appearances of his cats, Leo and Tiger, and other members of the Deanery menagerie. This continued in his retirement. His last broadcast was on Monday. The funeral is to take place in New Haven, and a memorial service is to be held next year at Salisbury Cathedral.

Please hold his partner, Fletcher, and the Cathedral community in your prayers.

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 clairecr57@yahoo.com

Carol Services at St George's

Advent Carol Service - Sunday 1st December at 5pm
Parish Carol Service - Tuesday 17th December at 7:30pm

The Friends of St George's Church



Quiz night

Friday 22nd November 2024

Benenden Village Hall

7 for 7.30 pm

£18 per head to include a


Ploughman's Supper

To book please contact:

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