

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March The First Sunday of Lent

**Collect:** Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 9<sup>th</sup> March – The First Sunday of Lent

*Readings: Romans 10.8b-13, Luke 4.1-13*

**8 am**                    **1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION**  
led by Revd David Commander

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

*Hymns:*    811            *Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown*  
              285            *God, whose form is all creation*  
              702            *Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us*  
              (HC) 681    *In heavenly love abiding*  
              586            *All praise to Christ, our Lord and king divine*

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	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 1 of 5) – all welcome</b>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
	7 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	12.30 pm	Funeral of t/l John Page at St George's
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am – 3 pm	Diocesan Synod meeting in Ashford
	<b>10 am – 12 noon</b>	<b>Grief Workshop at Sandhurst Mission Church – all welcome</b>

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

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

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

**10 am**                    **SUNG EUCHARIST**  
led by Revd David Commander

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**Romans 10.8b-13**

<sup>8</sup>The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

**Luke 4.1-13**

<sup>4</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you",

<sup>11</sup>and

"On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

**Prayers:**

**Please hold David Barnes in your prayers;** the family are very concerned for his health. He is currently in the William Harvey hospital. Please hold Anne, Katie and Stephen in your prayers.

The funeral of **t/l John Page** will be at St George's at 12.30 pm next Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> March. We pray for John's children William, Michala and Andres, and for all family and friends.

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. The funeral service, followed by burial, will take place at Smallhythe Church. The date is still to be arranged. 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.

**Benenden & Sandhurst Home Groups:** During Lent both Home Groups are following our five week Lent Course, led by Lyn Hayes. The course starts on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 pm at the Mission Church, Back Road, Sandhurst. All are welcome.

**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 '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.**

**9<sup>th</sup> March: Pasta sauce jars**

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

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

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

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

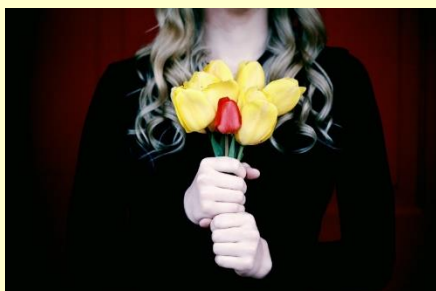
**13<sup>th</sup> April: Tinned soup**

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

**Contact: Gemma Coupland 07548 262509 [gemma.lou.hunter@gmail.com](mailto:gemma.lou.hunter@gmail.com)**

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

### **Loss & Grief Café Time to share & reflect**



### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:clairecr57@yahoo.com)

# 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)



## 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!

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