

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 23rd November Christ the King

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.

Sunday 23rd November – Christ the King

Readings: Colossians 1.11-20, Luke 23.33-43

8 am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander

10 am MORNING WORSHIP

led by Sarah Emanuel

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

The Week Ahead:

Revd David will be on holiday from Tuesday 25th to Friday 28th November inclusive.

***Should you require the services of a Priest during this time, please contact
your Churchwardens: Cathy Presgrave Tel 07500 119 189, Sue Fisher Tel 01580 241 907***

Monday 24 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Benenden PCC meeting at the Memorial Hall
Tuesday 25 th	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen <i>No Benenden Home Group this week</i>
Wednesday 26 th	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 27 th	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
	7 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 28 th	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	7 pm	Friends of St George's Quiz Night
Saturday 29 th	5 – 5 pm	'Star Up!' at St George's

Sunday Next: 30th November – The First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Romans 13.11-14, Matthew 24.36-44

8 am BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd David Commander

10 am BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS

led by Revd David Commander & Lyn Hayes

5 pm ADVENT CAROL SERVICE AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd David Commander

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Colossians 1.11-20

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Luke 23.33-43

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus^a there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[³⁴Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' ⁴²Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Prayers:

Revd Ylva's Father's funeral is on Thursday 27th November at 10 am GMT (11 am in Sweden). Please hold Ylva, her sister Helga, and their mother, Birgitha in your prayers at this very sad time.

Home Groups:

Sandhurst Home Group: Meets on Monday 24th November at Sandhurst Mission Church.

Benenden Home Group: Will not meet this week. Next date to be confirmed.

Remembrance Sunday Collection: The collection at the Remembrance Sunday service at St George's raised an amazing £559.27 for the Royal British Legion. (This excludes any donations made via the SumUp machine or using the QR code. These are to be totalled and added to the cash donations.) Many thanks. Revd David.

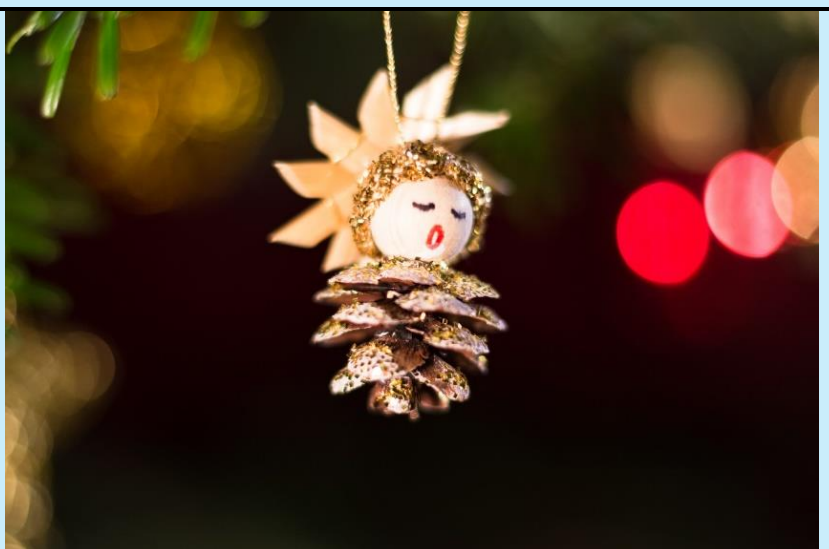
ADVENT SERVICE OF LIGHT

at St George's
Sunday 30th November
at 5pm



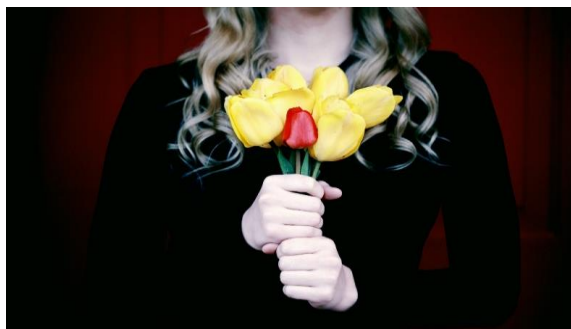
Parish Carol Service
Nine Lessons & Carols
at St George's

Monday 22nd December
at 7:30pm



Valuables and Theft: Please do not leave valuables unattended in church *at any time.*

Grief Talks ~ Time to share & reflect



Friday 12th December, 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



LEARN HOW TO MAKE A CHRISTMAS WREATH

Join us in Sandhurst Mission Church
on Saturday 6th December
from 10am to 12 noon.

Coffee and biscuits/cake will be provided.

You will need to bring your own greenery and decorations.
Wire will be supplied.

Wreath frames can be bought online or order one from
Katherine O'Neil Tel 01580 850 159 before 22nd November.
There will be a charge of £5 which will go towards the
St Nicholas Church organ fund.

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