

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Sunday 10th 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.

8.00 am 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am MORNING WORSHIP

led by Richard & Sue Fisher

Bible Readings:
Romans 10.8b-13
Luke 4.1-13

HYMNS	
121	Forty days and forty nights
132	O for a heart
128i	Jesu lover of my soul
131	O for a closer walk

5.00 pm EVENING PRAYER AT SANDHURST MISSION CHURCH

led by Vicki Young *Psalm 119.73-88. Readings: Jonah 3, Luke 5.27-end*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 11 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	BPS Assembly
Tuesday 12 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	11.15 am	Ministry Team meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church
Wednesday 13 th	8.00 pm	Lent Course at Benenden Memorial Hall
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	5.40 pm	Benenden Girls' School Confirmation Service rehearsal
	7.30 pm	Lent Course at Sandhurst Mission Church
Thursday 14 th	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	9.30-11.30 am	BPS Music Lessons
	Friday 15 th	8.00 am
Friday 15 th	9.00 am	Cakes & Chaos
	3.00 pm	BPS Assembly
	6.45 pm	Choir Practice
	8.00 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	Saturday 16 th	10.30 am

Sunday Next: 17th March– The Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Philippians 3.17-4.1, Luke 13.31-end

8.00 am Holy Communion led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10.00 am Sung Eucharist led by Revd David Commander

3.00 pm Benenden Girls' School Confirmation Service led by Bishop Trevor & Revd Craig Huxley

4.00 pm Messy Church at the Memorial Hall led by Revd David Commander

Readings: Sunday 10th March

Romans 10.8b-13

⁸But what does it say?

'The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because* 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. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Luke 4.1-13

The Temptation of Jesus

⁴Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where 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. ³The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' ⁴Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

⁵ Then the devil* led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.

⁶And 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. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' ⁸Jesus answered him, 'It is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him."'

⁹ 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, ¹⁰for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you",

¹¹and

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

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

Home Groups: The Tuesday Home Group meets at 8pm and during Lent meets at Benenden Memorial Hall. The Wednesday Home Group meets at 7.30pm at Sandhurst Mission Church. All are welcome to both Home Groups. Both groups are currently following the 5 week Lent course "Dust that dreams of glory".

A new Electoral Roll is being prepared this year. All members of the old roll must apply to be entered on the new roll and letters are at the back of the church for you to collect with application forms and details of the Annual Church Meeting. Anyone not previously on the roll who would like to be entered on the new roll please contact David Collard (Electoral Roll Officer) either at church, at home 7 Fuggles Court, Benenden or by telephone on 01580 241944.

Lent 2019 - "Dust that dreams of glory". A journey from Ash Wednesday, through the 5 weeks of Lent, the days of Holy Week, to the joy of Easter Sunday. Throughout Lent the course continues at 8pm on a Tuesday evening in Benenden at the Memorial Hall and is repeated again at 7.30pm on a Wednesday evening in Sandhurst at the Mission Church. Once we reach Holy Week there is a service every day, leading us to the celebrations of Easter Sunday. Please pick up a leaflet with all the details.

Exploring God's Calling: St Mary's Goudhurst is hosting a vocations exploration day with Joss Walker on Saturday 16th March from 10.30am to 3.30pm. This is for anyone who wants to explore what God might be calling them to, whether that is a formal ministry or something local and informal. More information on the leaflets in church or online on the booking page at bit.ly/Godcalling. Bookings may also be made via Becky Tel 01580 211739.

We are still in need of recruiting more people to act as Sidespeople for our Sunday services. If you can smile at people and make them feel welcome as they walk into church - whether you know them or not - then you would make a good sides-person! Please speak to me, or to a Churchwarden, about this if you think you could serve in this way. (The more volunteers we have, the less often everyone has to do it!) Revd David.

Marianne Durnford: As some are aware, Marianne sadly passed away recently. Her son, Mark, has organised a cremation *without ceremony* which will take place shortly. Genevieve has kindly taken on the organisation of a tea party in memory and celebration of Marianne to which you are very welcome. This is from 3 to 5pm on Wednesday 20th March in the Memorial Hall.

The Weald Family Hub: On Sunday 7th April Louise Vickerman will be joining us at the 10 o'clock service to give us an update on the work of the WFH and the aspirations for the future. Louise has been in post a few months as the WFH Co-ordinator. There will be a retiring collection at the service to support their work and, I hope, this will also re-ignite our support of this mission. Revd David

The next Churchyard Working Party at St George's will be on Saturday 7th April from 9.30am to noon. Please do join us if you are able. DH



4-6pm
SUNDAY 17th MARCH
at Benenden Memorial Hall

Deanery Events - Mailchimp Newsletter: As well as our regular Sunday services, each of our churches in the Deanery runs events, services and courses which are 'out of the ordinary' and which people from other parishes might be interested in knowing about or attending.

With that in mind the Church Administrators from around the Deanery have suggested that we set up a simple monthly email newsletter, which would include 4 or 5 things that are going on around the Deanery which may interest a wider audience. It could be a special one-off service, a speaker, Alpha, a teaching course or something else of that sort. This will be in addition to the notice by the Deanery Communications Officer sent to editors for publication in Parish Magazines.

To receive the email you will need - for GDPR reasons - to sign up, and you can do so very quickly and easily. Please email benendenchurch@gmail.com to be sent the web link. The first newsletter was circulated on Friday 1st March.

"Changing Lives Conversations"

Questions for us all to ponder:

- 1. How has your relationship with Jesus changed your life today?**
- 2. How can I help you be a 7-day-a-week disciple?**

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