

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Sunday 17th March The Second Sunday of Lent

Collect: Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10.00 am SUNG EUCHARIST

led by Revd David Commander

Bible Readings:
Philippians 3.17-4.1
Luke 13.31-end

HYMNS	
610	Christ is the world's true light
595	Be thou my vision
646	God is working his purpose out
Communion anthem	Stainer 'How beautiful upon the mountains
Communion hymn 456	Now let us from
539	Let all creation dance

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 18 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	BPS Assembly
Tuesday 19 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
Wednesday 20 th	8.00 pm	Lent Course at Benenden Memorial Hall
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	3.00 pm	t/l Marianne Durnford Tea Party at the Memorial Hall
	7.30 pm	Lent Course at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Thursday 21 st	9.30-11.30 am	BPS Music Lessons
Friday 22 nd	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	Cakes & Chaos
	3.00 pm	BPS Assembly
	6.45 pm	Choir Practice
	8.00 pm	Bell Ringing Practice (tbc)

Sunday Next: 24th March– The Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: 1 Corinthians 10.1-13, Luke 13.1-9

8.00 am Holy Communion led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am Morning Worship led by David Harmsworth

Readings: Sunday 17th March

Philippians 3.17-4.1

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters,* join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship* is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation* so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory,* by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ⁴¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters,* whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Luke 13.31-end

The Lament over Jerusalem

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' ³²He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me,* "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when* you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

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 following the 5 week Lent course "Dust that dreams of glory".

Next Sunday, 24th March, at 5pm at St Mary's Goudhurst there is a Taize Service with plenty of singing, a simple bible reading and a time of silence. Revd Hugh welcomes you.

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.

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 next Churchyard Working Party at St George's will be on Saturday 6th April from 9.30am to noon. Please do join us if you are able. DH

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



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

**Collingwood Grange Open Gardens Sunday 7th April 2019
The Grange, The Green, Benenden, Kent, TN17 4DN**

The Friends of Benenden Grange welcome you to attend the annual open gardens to view the breath-taking beauty of Cherry Ingram's gardens.

This year the newly published book, "Cherry Ingram: The English Saviour of Japan's Cherry Blossoms", written by Naoko Abe will be available to purchase.

Please note that parking at The Grange will be limited to disabled access only and we request that visitors park in the village and access via the entrance on The Green.

Suggested donation of £3 with refreshments available on the day.

All proceeds go to Friends of Benenden Grange to provide opportunities to enrich the lives of adults with learning disabilities.

"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?**

Deanery Events - Mailchimp Newsletter: This is a monthly email newsletter which includes a few events happening within the Deanery – special one-off services, a speaker, Alpha or a teaching course. This is in addition to the notice sent by the Deanery Communications Officer to editors for publication in Parish Magazines.

To subscribe to this email please email benendenchurch@gmail.com. You will then be sent the web link. The first newsletter circulated on Friday 1st March.

MOTHERING SUNDAY



10am Service at St George's Sunday 31st March

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