

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Sunday 24th March The Third Sunday of Lent

Collect: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am MORNING WORSHIP

led by David Harmsworth

Bible Readings:

1 Corinthians 10.1-13

Luke 13.1-9

HYMNS	
589	Angel voices
116	Be thou my guardian
629	Father hear the prayer we offer
714	Lord of all power

5.00 pm at St Mary's Goudhurst - Taize Service

The Week Ahead

Monday 25 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	BPS Assembly
Tuesday 26 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
	8.00 pm	Lent Course at Benenden Memorial Hall
Wednesday 27 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Lent Course at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Thursday 28 th	9.30-11.30 am	BPS Music Lessons
Friday 29 th	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)
Saturday 30 th	9.30 am-3.00pm	Diocesan Synod at St George's Church of England Foundation School, Broadstairs

Sunday Next: 31st March – The Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday

The fifth Sunday of the month. The 8am service is a Benefice Service. However, both parishes have a 10am Service for Mothering Sunday.

Readings: 2 Corinthians 5.16-end, Luke 15.1-3 & 11b-end

8.00 am Benefice Holy Communion at St George's led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am Morning Worship Mothering Sunday Service at St George's led by Revd David Commander

Readings: Sunday 24th March

1 Corinthians 10.1-13

Warnings from Israel's History

¹⁰I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,* that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ* to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Luke 13.1-9

Repent or Perish

¹³At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

⁶Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" ⁸He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

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".

TODAY 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". Throughout Lent this course continues at 8pm on a Tuesday evening at Benenden Memorial Hall. It is repeated 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings in Sandhurst 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.

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

MOTHERING SUNDAY



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

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?

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