

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Sunday 31st March Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

Collect: God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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. Amen.

8.00 am **BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**

led by Revd David Commander

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

10.00 am **MOTHERING SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP AT ST GEORGE'S**

led by Revd David Commander

Bible Readings: 2 Corinthians 1.3-7, Luke 2.33-35

HYMNS	
721	Love Divine
587	Amazing Grace
537	For the beauty of the earth
680	In Christ there is no east or west

The Week Ahead

Monday 1 st	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	BPS Assembly
Tuesday 2 nd	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	8.00 pm	Lent Course at Benenden Memorial Hall
Wednesday 3 rd	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.30 am	Interment at St George's t/l John "Art" Cowling
	7.30 pm	Lent Course at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Thursday 4 th	9.30-11.30 am	BPS Music Lessons
Friday 5 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	Cakes & Chaos
	1.00 pm	BPS Gill Knox's retirement service
	6.45 pm	Choir Practice
	8.00 pm	Bell Ringing Practice (tbc)
Saturday 6 th	9.30 am – 12 noon	Churchyard Working Party

Sunday Next: 7th April – The Fifth Sunday of Lent. Passiontide Begins

Bible Readings: Philippians 3.4b-14, John 12.1-8

8.00 am Holy Communion led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10.00 am All Age Communion led by Revd David Commander

4.00 pm Choir Practice

5.00 pm Choral Evensong led by David Harmsworth

Bible readings: Psalm 35, 2 Chronicles 35.1-6 & 10-16, Luke 22.1-13

Readings: Sunday 31st March: 10am Service

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Paul's Thanksgiving after Affliction

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. ⁷Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Luke 2.33-35

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon* blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

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".

Pew Faculty: Many months ago we received a Faculty making permanent the removal of the pews at the west end of church. We subsequently made a Faculty Petition to allow us to sell off or otherwise dispose of these pews; this has just been granted. We will be using some of the pew-ends to make-good other pews in church that are not in good condition, but if you are interested in obtaining one of the pews please let one of the Churchwardens know. Revd David.

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.

Churchyard Working Party at St George's- 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

Benenden Grange Open Gardens – Sunday 7th April

Volunteers are sought! - If you can help with the gate, directing parking or with tea and cake please contact Felicity White Tel 240 118

Email: felicity.white@thegrange2016.co.uk

MOTHERING SUNDAY



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

The Friends of St George's Church
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday 8th April 2019 in St George's Church

7pm - AGM

7.15pm - Refreshments

7.45pm - Guest Speaker: Charles Trollope
"The Birds of Rye Harbour"

All Welcome!



Sunday 14th April

Services at St George's

8 am 1662 BCP Holy Communion

*followed by breakfast at the
Memorial Hall – all welcome*

10 am Morning Worship

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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2 Corinthians 5.16-end

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Luke 15.1-3,11b-end

¹⁵ Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

³ So he told them this parable:

The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother

'There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." ²² But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" ³¹ Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '