

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Our Worship: 3rd November

The Fourth Sunday before Advent

Collect: Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; 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 Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10.00 am ALL AGE COMMUNION
led by Revd David Commander

Bible Readings:
2 Thess 1.1-4, 11-12
Luke 19.1-10

Hymns	
595	Be thou my vision
621	Dear Lord and Father
<i>(children singing)</i>	Bless the Lord oh my soul
144	How deep the Father's love
Communion hymn 725	Make me a channel
494	I, the Lord of sea and sky

4.00 pm Choir Practice

5.00 pm CHORAL EVENSONG led by David Harmsworth
Psalm 145. Readings: Lamentations 3.22-33, John 11.32-44

Hymns	
676	Immortal invisible
10	Abide with me
584	All my hope on God is Founded
Canticles	Dykes in F
Responses	Tallis Festival
Anthem	Mendelssohn He watching over Israel

The Week Ahead

Monday 4 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	7.30 pm	Learning & Sharing the Faith - open meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 5 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	4.00 pm	'Blend' youth group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Wednesday 6 th	8.00 pm	Home Group at Julia & David Collard's
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Coffee Shop at the Memorial
	7.00 pm	Choir Practice <i>at the Memorial Hall</i>
	7.00 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice

Friday 8th 8.00 am Morning Prayer
 9-11.00 am Cakes & Chaos at St George's

Sunday Next: 10th November
(The Third Sunday before Advent) - Remembrance Sunday

- 8.00 am 1662 BCP Holy Communion** led by Revd David Commander
Readings: 2 Thess 2.1-5, 13-end, Romans 8.31-end
- 10.45 am Remembrance Service** - led by Revd David Commander
Readings: Revelation 21.1-7
Followed by the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial
- 5.00 pm Evening Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church** led by Revd David
Commander *Psalm 40. Readings: 1 Kings 3.1-15, Romans 8.31-end*

Readings: Sunday 3rd November

2 Thess 1.1-4, 11-12

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving

³ We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.

⁴ Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

¹¹ To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfil by his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹² so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 19.1-10

Jesus and Zacchaeus

¹⁹ He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

Armistice Day: Monday 11th November, at 11:00am, there will be a short Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial. The Year 6 children from the Primary School will join us for this. Everyone is welcome.

Friends of St. George's Quiz: Friday 15th November, 7:30pm start, in the Village Hall. Please contact Deborah Jenkins or a member of the Friends committee for more information and to book a table.

Home Groups: The Tuesday Home Group meets at 8pm in Benenden, usually at Julia and David Collard's. The Wednesday Home Group meets at 7.30pm at the Mission Church. All are welcome to both groups.

Choir Practice: Benenden church choir will now practise on **Wednesdays from 7pm to 8pm in the Memorial Hall**. This is a trial period until after Christmas. Sue Fisher

Many thanks to all who came to the talk 'Ethiopia: The Cross and the Coffee Pot': for your enthusiastic interest, and above all for your generous donations to Water4Ethiopia, which exceeded our wildest hopes. With some donations still pending we have raised almost £700 for this excellent cause, a sum that will bring about real and permanent change in people's lives. I have asked for it to be assigned to a specific project that we can identify with, and when I know what it is I will let you know. I am thrilled to bits with this result, and can only say 'Dinkinesh' - Amharic for 'You are marvellous!' And if anybody would still like to contribute it's not too late ... RKvW

Ride 'n Stride: Geoff Davison wishes to pass on his thanks to everyone from St George's Church who sponsored him this year on the Ride 'n Stride day. Geoff managed to raise a very impressive £1055 in total for the Friends of Kent Churches; St George's will receive a portion of this total. So our thanks also go to Geoff for his efforts in raising this money.

Memorial plaque: Following the granting of a Faculty, a new plaque in memory of Robert and Freda Reynolds is to be installed, internally, on the west wall of St George's Church. On Sunday 24th November, immediately following the 10 o'clock service, the plaque will be dedicated by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen. Everyone is welcome to attend this and support the Reynolds family.

***BLEND – Youth Group for all 11 to 15 year olds
Tuesdays IN TERM TIME from 4 to 6pm
at Sandhurst Mission Church, Back Road TN18 5JU***

***CHRISTMAS MINI MARKET & COFFEE MORNING
& GRAND DRAW
AT SANDHURST MISSION CHURCH
Back Road, Sandhurst TN18 5JU***

***Saturday 16th November
from 10am to 12.30pm***


***Produce, Cakes, Christmas Goodies & Christmas Cards,
Usborne Children's Books, Crafts & Wool, Silver Jewellery
Grand Draw first prize £200 - and many more prizes!
Refreshments.***

***All proceeds in aid of St Nicholas Church.
An annual event not to be missed!***

**The Weald Greenhouse launch:
YOU ARE INVITED!**

The Weald Greenhouse will be launched on Thursday 28th November at Benenden Primary School) and we would love as many people as possible to come along. Revds Steve Coneys and Hugh Nelson will introduce the vision and values of the Greenhouse and will explain how it will work and there will be plenty of time for questions and discussion.

The Weald Greenhouse is for anyone who wants to explore how they could share faith with people for whom Sunday morning church is unlikely to appeal. It's not for spiritual heroes, missionary experts or Billy Graham style evangelists - it's for ordinary Christians who want to try something new for God. Please spread the word and come along to find out more. More Information at <https://www.gkchurch.org.uk/greenhouse>

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