

# The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February

### Third Sunday before Lent

**Collect:** Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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:**

*1 Corinthians 2.1-12*

*Matthew 5.13-20*

Hymns	
696	Jesus, where'er thy people meet
810	Thou, whose almighty word
632	Fill thou my life
475	Forth in the peace of Christ we go

**5.00 pm EVENING PRAYER AT SANDHURST MISSION CHURCH**

led by David Harmsworth

*Psalm 4. Readings: Ephesians 4.17-end, Mark 1.29-39*

### The Week Ahead

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	4 - 6.00 pm	'Blend' youth group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	8.00 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Coffee Shop at the Memorial Hall
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7 - 9.00 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 - 11.00 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	6.45 - 7.45 pm	Choir Practice at St George's

**Sunday Next: 16<sup>th</sup> February: Second Sunday before Lent**

*Readings: Romans 8-18-25, Matthew 6.25-end*

**8.00 am Holy Communion** led by Revd David Commander

**10.00 am Sung Eucharist** led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

## **Readings: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

### **1 Corinthians 2.1-12**

#### ***Proclaiming Christ Crucified***

<sup>2</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

#### ***The True Wisdom of God***

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'—  
<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

### **Matthew 5.13-20**

#### ***Salt and Light***

<sup>13</sup> 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.  
<sup>14</sup> 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

#### ***The Law and the Prophets***

<sup>17</sup> 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

**Home Groups:** The Benenden Home Group meets on Tuesdays at 8pm, usually at Julia and David Collard's, 7 Fuggles Court. The Sandhurst Home Group meets on Wednesdays at the Mission Church on Back Road, TN18 5JU.

**Ash Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February:** There will be a service on Ash Wednesday at St George's Church, Benenden, starting at 7.30pm; this marks the beginning of Lent. Can you please drop your old Palm Cross off in the basket at the back of our three churches by Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, so they can be used to make up the ashes. Thank you. DJC



**An exciting opportunity for you to share  
the real meaning of Easter!**

Rewind is a 2-hour presentation/workshop for children aged 9-10 from local schools. This year sessions will be held on the morning and afternoon of Thursday, 19th March at Hawkhurst Baptist Church hall.

This event has been organised jointly by local schools and churches, but we need willing volunteers for the day to work in small groups with children making craft and answering a booklet about the Easter story.

We are running a training session on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 p.m. at Hawkhurst Baptist

If you are able to help, or would like more information, please email either:

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## **ST GEORGE'S CHURCH CHOIR & BELLRINGING PRACTICE TIMES**

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW 2020 PRACTICE TIMES BELOW:**

*Choir Practice – is now back to Fridays from 6.45 to 7.45 pm in St George's*

*Bellringing Practice – General practice is on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 pm.  
Quarter Peal attempts are the third Friday of every month from 7.45 to 9.15 pm*

For booking requests and amendments or revisions to the St George's Church calendar (visible via the St George's website) please email Cathy at [benendenchurch@gmail.com](mailto:benendenchurch@gmail.com)

*To avoid any potential clash of church use, please could we ask that all bookings, including practices, finish promptly unless arranged otherwise  
Thank you!*

**Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin, our new Bishop of Dover, will be preaching and presiding at the 10am Sung Eucharist service at St George's Church on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March.**

The service will be a benefice service; everyone is very welcome to attend and meet our new Bishop over refreshments after the service. Revd David.



***BLEND – for all 11 to 15 year olds from 4 to 6pm at Sandhurst Mission Church.***

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