

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 16th February

Second Sunday before Lent

Collect: Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION
led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am SUNG EUCHARIST
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

Bible Readings:
Romans 8.18-25
Matthew 6.25-end

Hymns	
218	Thine be the glory
453	Lord enthroned
460	O thou who at the Eucharist did pray
Communion anthem	tbc
Communion hymn 532	All creatures of our God and King
641	Glorious things of thee

The Week Ahead

**Revd David is on holiday from Monday 17th to Friday 28th February inclusive. Should you require the services of a Priest during this time please contact your Churchwardens:
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No Morning Prayer this week

Tuesday 18 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	10.30 am - 12.30 pm	Ashford & District Bellringing at St George's
	3.00 - 4.30 pm	Flower arranging demonstration at St George's
	8.00 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 19 th	10.00 am	Coffee Shop at the Memorial Hall
	3.00 - 4.30 pm	Flower arranging demonstration at St George's
	7.00 - 9.00 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 21 st	6.45 - 7.45 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
	7.45 - 9.15 pm	Bellringing – Quarter Peal attempt at St George's

Sunday Next: 23rd February: Sunday Next before Lent

Readings: 2 Peter 1.16-end, Matthew 17.1-9

8.00 am Holy Communion led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10.00 am Morning Worship led by David Harmsworth

Readings: Sunday 16th February

Romans 8.18-25

Future Glory

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 6.25-end

Do Not Worry

²⁵ 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Coronavirus / Communion: Until the risk of infection has passed the priests will use hand-gel before conducting the Eucharist at any of our churches. I would also ask that everyone dips their wafer in the wine rather than drinking from the chalice. I know that force-of-habit will mean it is all too easy to forget at that moment, but if we can remember it will reduce the risk of any potential transfer of infection. Thank you. Revd David

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 in term time (no meeting this week) at the Mission Church on Back Road, TN18 5JU.

Ash Wednesday, 26th February: There will be a service on Ash Wednesday led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen at St George's, 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 23rd February, so they can be used to make up the ashes. Thank you. DJC

Sound System: Is there anyone interested in becoming familiar with the basics of the church sound system? (ie to be able to make simple adjustments, if needed, during a service, to learn what/when to adjust for different users and different mic. How to store the mics to reduce damage to them.) This may be of interest to some people who are sidesmen, to those who lead worship, or even if you sit in the congregation and are not scared off by technology! If you are interested, I am happy to run a short session on Saturday 14th March, 10am, in St. George's. (If you can drop me an email if you intend to be there, that would be helpful.) Revd David



Lent 2020

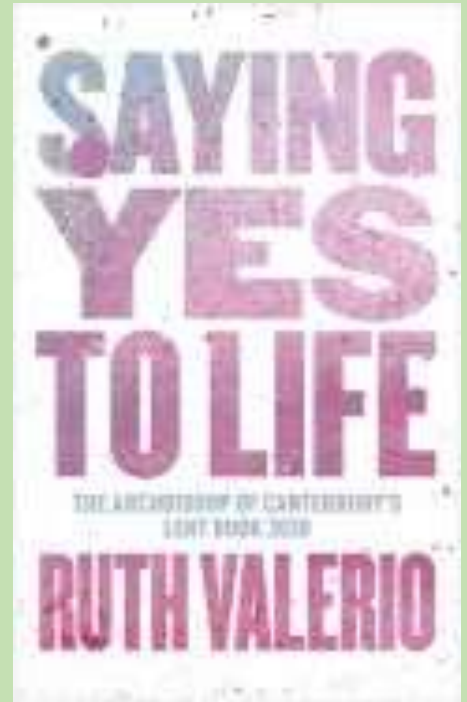
Archbishop Justin:

“As people of faith, we cannot just say what we believe. We are obliged to live out the life that Christ calls us to live, to care for our neighbours, for the creatures and the creation that God has so generously given us.

Ash Wednesday - 26th February, 7:30pm. Service at St. George's Church, led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen.

Lent Course: At the Mission Church, Sandhurst, begins Wednesday 4th March, 7:30pm

Using the “#LiveLent” and “Saying Yes to Life” resources. See separate leaflet for full details.



Inspiring everyday Faith

Saturday 7 March, 9.00am-12.30pm

John Wallis Academy, Ashford

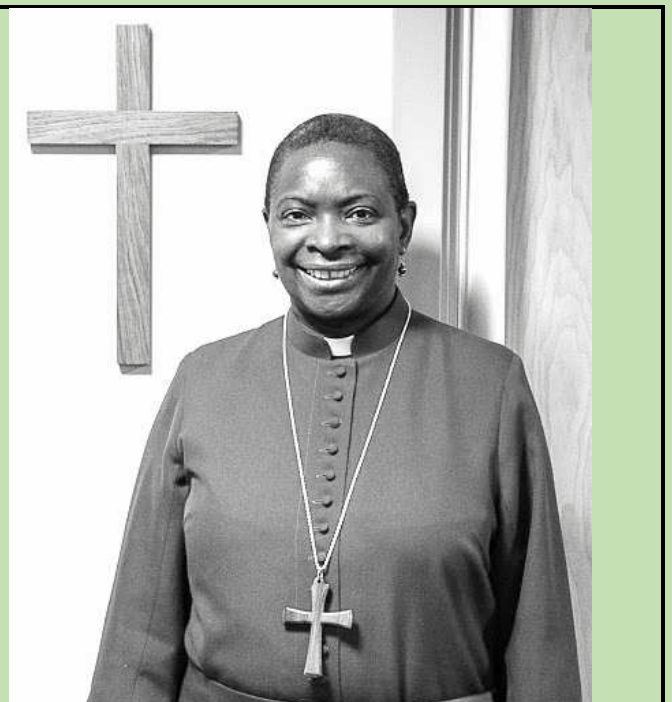
Booking is essential <https://www.canterburydiocese.org/events/open-synodv2/>

Be encouraged and equipped to be more confident in our churches and communities to bear witness to Jesus Christ. This morning will enable us to get a feel for the national initiative, give some first-hand experiences of how everyday faith can be encouraged and resources that gift us with ways to stimulate new conversations in our worshipping communities and in our everyday encounters.

(This is an open session of Diocesan Synod; all welcome, but you do need to book a place.)

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 15th 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.





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, 26th 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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