

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Our Worship: 15th 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 AT ST GEORGE'S
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

Bible Readings:
Romans 5.1-11
John 4.5-42

10.00 am BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT ST GEORGE'S
led by Bishop Rose & Revd David Commander
We are delighted to welcome Bishop Rose to St George's this morning.

Hymns	
128	Jesu lover of my soul
669	I heard the voice of Jesus say
664	How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
Communion anthem - Farrant	Call to remembrance
Communion hymn - 429	Bread is blessed and broken
641	Glorious things of thee are spoken

The Week Ahead

Monday 16 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Tuesday 17 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Bell Ringing Learners' practice at St George's
	4 – 6 pm	Blend Youth Group at Sandhurst Mission Church <i>No Tuesday Home Group during Lent (we are following the Wednesday Lent course)</i>
Wednesday 18 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Coffee Shop at the Memorial Hall
	2.30 pm	Funeral of Roy Chapman at St George's
	5.45 – 7.15 pm	Sissinghurst Cubs' visit to St George's tower & bells
	7 – 9 pm	Bell Ringing practice
Friday 20 th	7.30 pm	Sandhurst & Benenden Home Groups – Lent Course at Sandhurst Mission Church
	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's
	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Bell Ringing Learners' practice at St George's
	6.45 – 7.45 pm	Choir practice
Saturday 21 st	7.45 – 9.15 pm	Bell Ringing practice - Quarter Peal attempt
	10 am – 12 noon	Tonbridge Bell Ringers at St George's

Sunday Next: 22nd March: The Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday

Readings: Colossians 3.12-17, Luke 2.33-35

8.00 am Holy Communion led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am Morning Worship led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

Readings: Sunday 15th March

Romans 5.1-11

Results of Justification

⁵Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

John 4.5-42

⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.'

¹¹The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' ¹⁷The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.'

²¹Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' ²⁵The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' ²⁶Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' ²⁸Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' ³²But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' ³³So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' ³⁴Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The

reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

Home Groups: During Lent both Home Groups are following the Wednesday Lent course held at the Mission Church, Back Road, Sandhurst TN18 5JU. This starts at 7.30pm each week. The Tuesday Home Group reconvenes after Easter.

The Electoral roll is open for revision from today until Sunday 5th April. Anyone wishing to be apply to join the roll will find application forms at the back of the church or contact David Collard on Tel 241 944 or at 7 Fuggles Court, Benenden. Members already on the roll can check their details on the roll also at the back of the church.

Prayers: The funeral of Roy Chapman is at St George's on Wednesday 18th March at 2.30pm. A service of thanksgiving for the life of Jill O'Flaherty will be held at St George's on Fri 27th March at 2.30pm. Please pray for Roy and Jill and their families and friends.

Coronavirus / Communion: Current Government advice is that individuals should follow good hygiene practices including:

- Carrying tissues and using them to catch coughs and sneezes, and binning the tissue;
- Washing hands with soap and water (for 20 seconds) or using sanitiser gel to kill germs.

In light of the continued increase of COVID-19 cases in the United Kingdom, we have also received notification from the Bishop and the Archbishops that it is now necessary to suspend the administration of the chalice as well as physical contact during the sharing of the peace, blessing or "laying on of hands". During Communion services, until this threat passes, we will:

- Offer Communion in one kind only to all communicants (i.e. the consecrated wafer), with the priest alone taking the wine;
- Suspend handshaking or other direct physical contact during the sharing of the peace;
- Suspend direct physical contact as part of a blessing or 'laying on of hands'.

The priest and sacristan will all have washed their hands thoroughly prior to setting up for Communion, and immediately prior to conducting the Eucharist. I have also asked the Churchwardens to ensure that the handles of the main door (both internal and external) are disinfected prior to and after each service; these being an obvious contact point for everyone and a source of transmission. We are also trying to obtain some larger bottles of hand gel, which can be used by the congregation on entering church.

If you have any other concerns, then please speak to me or to a Churchwarden. Revd David.

The Friends of St George's Church, Benenden

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Benenden Village Hall

Professional magician

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Tables of 8 at £15 a head

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FROM ST PETERSBURG

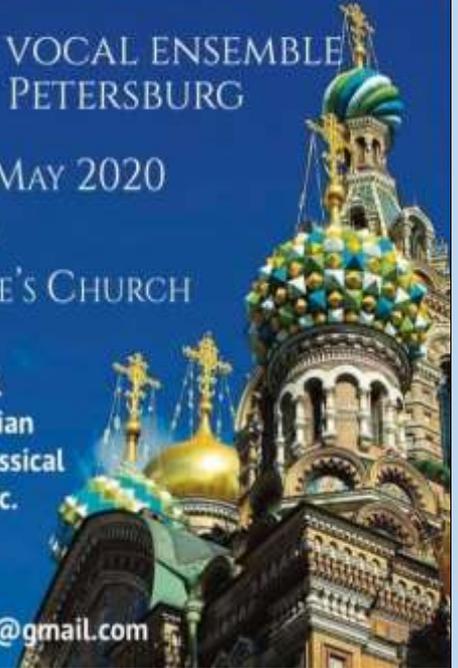
FRIDAY 8 MAY 2020

AT 7.30PM

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

The choir will
perform Russian
Orthodox, classical
and folk music.
More details
to follow.

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