

# The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October Last after Trinity (Bible Sunday)

**Collect:** Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October

**Benefice Services:** *Readings: Colossians 3.12-17, Matthew 24.30-35*

**8am**            **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S, BENENDEN**  
led by Revd David Commander & Vicki Young

**10am**           **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS, SANDHURST**  
led by Revd David Commander & Vicki Young

### THE WEEK AHEAD

*Revd David will be away from Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October, conducting a family funeral service in Northumberland.*

*If you need the services of a priest during this time, please contact your Churchwarden, David Collard Tel 241 944*

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>**      **8am**            **Morning Prayer at St George's**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>**      **10am**           **Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church**  
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen  
**6.30pm**           **Simulator Bellringing Practice at St George's**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>** **7.30pm**      **Bellringing Practice at St George's**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>**        **8am**            **Morning Prayer at St George's**  
**7.45pm**           **Bellringing Practice at St George's (tbc weekly)**

**Sunday Next: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November – All Saints' Day**

**Benefice Services:** *Readings: 1 John 3.1-3, Matthew 5.1-12*

**8am**            **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS, SANDHURST**  
led by Revd David Commander

**10am**           **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S, BENENDEN**  
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Revd David Commander

**Readings: Sunday 25th October – The Last after Trinity**

**Colossians 3.12-17**

<sup>12</sup> As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Matthew 24.30-35**

<sup>30</sup>Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup>And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

**The Lesson of the Fig Tree**

<sup>32</sup> 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>33</sup>So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>34</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>35</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

**Prayers:** Please pray for Angela Patrick and family following the passing of her husband, Michael, on 15<sup>th</sup> October. Please hold them all in your prayers. Michael's funeral has been arranged to take place at St George's Church at midday on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

**Commemoration of the Faithful Departed:** Our annual service this year will be at St George's on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm** led by Revd Rosemary. This will be a benefice service. - **There will not be a separate service on the Sunday morning at St Nicholas, as there has been in previous years.** If you would like to request a name to be read out, please email [benendenchurch@gmail.com](mailto:benendenchurch@gmail.com) - or enter your request on the form at the back of church.

**Daily Scripture and Reflection is posted on the St George's Church website and Facebook page every day of the week.**

**PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION REGARDING OUR CHURCH SERVICES**

**Website:** <http://www.benendenchurch.org/>

**Facebook Page:** @StGeorgesBenenden

**A Church Near You:** <https://www.achurchnearyou.com>

**Remembrance Sunday at St George's:** This year, the way we mark Remembrance Sunday will, of necessity, be different. We will hold a short service in St George's Church starting at 10am; conducted by Revd Rosemary. Numbers will be severely restricted to a maximum of 80 people in church - well down on the usual attendance for our Remembrance Day service; the service will be ticketed. There will be a sign-up form in the church porch from Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October. If you wish to attend the Remembrance Sunday service please come up to church and put your name down, and then come to the Rectory to collect your ticket(s).

Once the allocated numbers have been reached, we will be unable to admit any more people to the 10 o'clock service on the 8<sup>th</sup> November. Sorry. However, the Act of Remembrance – with Roll of Honour, Last Post, Two-Minutes Silence, and Reveille - will take place down at the village war memorial; this will start at 10:55am on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>. If you can't get to church, please do come to this commemoration.

***Please remember: no groups of more than 6 people at the Memorial; and maintain social distancing between groups at all times.***

**Armistice Day** will be marked in the village, with an act of remembrance at the war memorial starting just before 11am on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> November.



**COVID-19 Permitted Activities under the 3 Tier System**

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**Tier 1 - Medium**

***Public worship in church or in other premises where church services are routinely held***

Permitted as an organised gathering provided any person attending is:

- alone or
  - part of a group of not more than 6 or
  - part of group all from the same household or from two linked households;
- and must not join any other group or mingle with any person from another group.

**Church service in a public outdoor place**

Permitted as an organised gathering provided the organiser carries out a statutory risk assessment and takes all reasonable measures to limit risk of transmission of coronavirus, as described in the guidance available. Any person attending must do so either:

- alone or
  - as part of a group of not more than 6 or •
- as part of group all from the same household or from two linked households and must not join any other group or mingle with any person from another group

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**Weddings in church**

Permitted provided the gathering consists of no more than 15 persons.

**Funerals in church, churchyard, cemetery or crematorium**

Permitted provided the gathering consists of no more than 30 persons

**Baptism (whether during public worship or free-standing)**

Same as for public worship in church or in other premises where church services are routinely held (see above).

**Meetings (APCM etc.) in church or church hall**

Same as for public worship in church or in other premises where church services are routinely held (see above).

**Remembrance Sunday events (so far as not covered under the above exceptions for church services)**

Permitted. Persons attending are limited to:

- those attending as part of their work
- those providing voluntary services for event
- members of the armed forces
- veterans of the armed forces, their representatives and carers
- spectators who participate alone, or as part of a group of no more than 6, or as part of a group all from the same household or from two linked households; **spectators must not join any other group or mingle with any peers**

**Track and Trace:** You will have heard of the launch of the NHS "Track and Trace" app. If you have a smartphone, please consider downloading and using this app. It is not a solution to our problems, but another tool to help fight the virus along with "Hands. Face. Space"..... hand sanitising; wearing a face covering; and maintaining 2m social distancing.

Each of our three churches has been registered, and a QR code/poster is displayed in the entrances. If you use your app and the QR code when you enter church we do not need to keep a paper record of your name and contact details. You can download the app from the "Apple App Store" or "Google Play". Revd David.

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