

# The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November The Second Sunday before Advent

**Collect:** Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November – The Second Sunday before Advent**

*Readings: 1 Thess. 5.1-11, Matthew 25.14-30*

**10.00am**                    **ON LINE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**  
followed by coffee and chat on Zoom

*Links to all Sunday services and Zoom meetings are posted on the church website, Facebook and A Church Near You pages shortly before the service.*

**Website:**                    <http://www.benendenchurch.org/>  
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### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer at St George's (closed service)</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer at the Mission Church (closed service)</b>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer at St George's (closed service)</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer at St George's (closed service)</b>

### **Sunday Next: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Christ the King**

*Readings: Ephesians 1.15-end, Matthew 25.31-end*

**10am**                    **ON LINE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**  
followed by coffee and chat on Zoom

**Due to the Covid lockdown, there is no public worship in church during November. However, please make use the church though for individual private prayer whenever you want to.  
Prayer resources are available in Church.**

**Readings: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

**1 Thess. 5.1-11**

<sup>5</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**Matthew 25.14-30**

***The Parable of the Talents***

<sup>14</sup> 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

## Prayers:

**Rene Dengate** passed away on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November, very peacefully at home. Rene's funeral is taking place at the parish church in Peasmarsh at 2pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Please hold Dick and all the family in your prayers.

**Diana St John** passed away recently in Hastings. Her funeral is to take place at St George's on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November followed by burial in the churchyard. Please hold her daughter, Caroline, in your prayers.

**Sheila Clarke** passed away on the 9<sup>th</sup> November. Her funeral is to take place at St George's on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, followed by a Committal service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. Please hold John, her husband, and the family in your prayers.

### *Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance for churches*

***Last updated: Wednesday 4 November***

**We are registered with the NHS "Track and Trace", please make use of this if you have downloaded the app to your smartphone.**

Sadly, there will be no live services in church (except funerals) until 2 December,  
We are open for individual private prayer every day.

**If you come into church please remember:  
"Hands. Face. Space."**

Please hand sanitise on entry and exit. Wear a face covering. And maintain 2m social distancing from others not in your household or social bubble. Please do not come to church if you have Covid-19 symptoms. We follow the guidelines issued by the Church of England. If you wish to read these in full, they are available on the CoE website:  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>  
(More information available on the Coronavirus page of our website.)

There are prayer resources available as you come into church. (Please take them away with you when you leave if you use them.) If you wish to read some scripture when you come to church for private prayer, please bring your Bible with you.  
Keep safe. Keep well. Keep praying. And God bless you.

Revd David

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

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