

The Benefice of Benenden & Sandhurst

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

Our Worship: Sunday 7th February The 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.

Sunday 7th February – The Second Sunday before Lent

Readings: Colossians 1.15-20, John 1.1-14

10am

ONLINE HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander

Link: <https://youtu.be/SnzUwYwapag> *also available via the church websites, below*

followed at 11am by an **ONLINE COFFEE MORNING VIA ZOOM**

Link: (also available via the church websites below)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3971102878?pwd=UkpkY2R2Z1lXbmJqNUdzdzB2RVZUUT09>

(Meeting ID: 397 110 2878 Passcode: 658989)

NB Links to all services (also available to watch as recordings) are detailed on the following St George's and St Nicholas church websites, Facebook pages and A Church Near You.

Websites: <http://www.benendenchurch.org/>
<https://stnicholassandhurst.org/>

Facebook Pages: @StGeorgesBenenden
@StNicholasSandhurst

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

*Revd David will be on holiday next week, from Monday 8th to Sunday 14th February.
Should you require the services of a priest during this time
please contact your Churchwardens:*

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Anne Tylden-Wright Tel 01580 850 281. Bob Houlden Tel 01580 850 278

NEXT SERVICE: Sunday 14th February - The Sunday next before Lent

Readings: 2 Corinthians 4.3-6, Mark 9.2-9

10am ONLINE HOLY COMMUNION led by Lyn Hayes & Revd David Commander
Service link to be published Saturday prior to the service.
Followed by Zoom coffee morning

The church is open for private prayer but we regret there is no communal worship for the next few weeks. Sunday services will be available via YouTube at 10am every Sunday (and available to watch afterwards). YouTube service links and links to Zoom coffee mornings are posted on the church websites on Saturday evening.

Readings: Sunday 7th February

Colossians 1.15-20

The Supremacy of Christ

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

John 1.1-14

The Gospel According to John

The Word Became Flesh

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Sad News in the Benefice: Angela Lloyd-Jones

It is with sadness that we tell of the death of Angela Lloyd-Jones, following a severe stroke. Angela, together with Alan Pickett, her partner of 30 years, was a faithful worshipper at St George's. We shall greatly miss seeing them together week by week at the 8 o'clock service. Her funeral, attended only by family, will take place in church on 15 February, followed by the burial of ashes.

Please remember Alan and all Angela's family in your prayers.

Revd Rosemary

PASTORAL: The idea of Revd Ylva and myself being available, in our churches, for a chat or prayer time together has not worked; we have had no "visitors" in the three weeks we've been at church. So we have stopped this and will look to try something else.... watch this space! In the meantime, if you want a chat, please pick up the phone and call us. Revd David.

**Revd David Tel: 01580 240 658
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Revd Ylva Tel: 07766

Covid Update: As at 31st January 2021

Our churches remain open for individual private prayer. However, communal worship has moved on-line until further notice.

Until our churches reopen:

- We will record a service and make it available, on-line, every Sunday morning. Fellowship follows, with coffee, on Zoom after the service.
- The parish churches remain open for individual private prayer seven days a week
- St. George's church will be heated for two one-hour periods every day (10-11am and 2-3pm) so that the church is more comfortable if people wish to make use of the space for private prayer.

As this situation is going on far longer than any of us had imaged:

- We will look at arranging a form of on-line, weekly Bible Study; a sort of "on-line Home Group". This will be available, on Zoom, to anyone who wishes to join in for Christian fellowship in this way. Watch this space!
- We will also review and update the on-line resources that are available on the church websites.

Please continue to look after yourself. If you want to talk, please pick up the phone and call. God bless. Revd David

**Daily Scripture and Reflection is posted on our church websites
and Facebook pages every day of the week.**

**PLEASE ALSO KEEP AN EYE ON THESE WEBSITES AND FACEBOOK PAGES FOR THE LATEST
INFORMATION REGARDING OUR CHURCH SERVICES**

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