

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November

### Remembrance Sunday

(Third Sunday before Advent)

**Collect:** Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November: Remembrance Sunday (Third Sunday before Advent)

*Readings: Hebrews 9.24-end. Mark 1.14-20*

**8 am 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION**

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

**10.45 am SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AT ST GEORGE'S**

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie. Revd Tracey Bateson preaching.

*Reading: Revelation 21.1-7*

<i>Hymns</i>	357	<i>All people that on earth do dwell</i>
	739	<i>Now thank we all our God</i>
	(HON 414)	<i>Peace, perfect peace</i>
	623	<i>Eternal Father, strong to save</i>
	576	<i>And did those feet, in ancient time</i>
	578	<i>God save our gracious King</i>

followed by **ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AT THE WAR MEMORIAL**

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	<b>10.50 am</b>	<b>Armistice Day: Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial</b>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	7 pm	Learning & Sharing the Faith Group meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
	7 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing: Quarter Peal attempt at St George's

#### Sunday Next: 17<sup>th</sup> November – Second Sunday before Advent

*Readings: Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25, Mark 13.1-8*

**8 am HOLY COMMUNION**

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

**10 am SUNG EUCHARIST**

led by Revd David Commander & Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

**12.30 pm Baptism of Albert & Darcie Norris**

**Readings: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November: Remembrance Sunday (Third Sunday before Advent)**

**8 am Holy Communion**

**Hebrews 9.24-end**

<sup>24</sup>For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup>Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; <sup>26</sup>for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, <sup>28</sup>so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

**Mark 1.14-20**

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

<sup>16</sup> As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

**10.45 am Service of Remembrance**

**Revelation 21.1-7**

<sup>21</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.'

<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup>Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.'

**Benenden Home Group** will meet on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

**"Filling Station":** The next meeting is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm, at Benenden Primary School. The speaker is Roger Reed from Mission Aviation Fellowship. MAF is a Christian Missionary charity working around the world delivering relief workers, doctors, pastors, books, food and medicine by plane to places that are really hard to reach for over 75 years. So come and hear Roger share some stories (and pictures) of what God is doing around the world - but also, wonder what God might have to say to us about stepping out and having missionary hearts for isolated people (whether overseas or on our doorstep) - to make a difference and show them his love.

**Archdeacon Andrew Sewell.** It was announced, by the Bishop, at an Area Dean / Lay Chairs meeting on Wednesday evening, that the Ven. Andrew Sewell, Archdeacon of Maidstone, will be retiring on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025. There will be a service at Canterbury Cathedral to mark Andrew's service to the Diocese in January; Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> has been muted, but this is to be confirmed. His support for us in our two parishes, and as a personal colleague, will be missed. Revd David

## Christmas Mini Market



**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

**10 am-12.30 pm**

**at the Mission Church, Back Road,  
Sandhurst**

**Come along to our Christmas market!  
Among other wares, the stalls will be  
selling: stocking gifts, Christmas  
cards, woodturning, jewellery,  
wreaths & bulbs, produce. Tombola.  
Hot drinks & cakes available too.  
All funds go to St Nicholas Church**

## 'CONNECT FOUR'

**Our informal family service**

**4pm - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
at Sandhurst Mission Church, Back Road  
TN18 5JU**



**Refreshments throughout.**

**Come along and connect with:**

**- family and friends - tea, coffee, cake  
- the Bible - worship - and God!**

**The former Dean of Canterbury the Very Revd Robert Willis**, died "suddenly and peacefully" in the United States on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October. He was 77. In a message to Berkeley Divinity School, Yale, on Wednesday, where Dean Willis was a resident Fellow, his partner, Fletcher Banner, said: *"It is with great sadness that I have to tell you all of Dean Robert's passing. After a brief illness whilst at Yale in America, Robert suffered heart failure and died last night. Robert was a man of great faith and intellect whose greatest joy was to share his life with others."*

Towards the end of his 21 years in Canterbury, he became known for his garden ministry during the first national lockdown during the pandemic, when Canterbury Cathedral — like other churches — was forced to close to worshippers. The initiative was his own, supported by his partner, as a way of not breaking the 1400-year tradition of the daily Office at the Cathedral. The popularity of Dean Willis's broadcasts took off thanks to the frequent impromptu appearances of his cats, Leo and Tiger, and other members of the Deanery menagerie. This continued in his retirement. His last broadcast was on Monday. The funeral is to take place in New Haven, and a memorial service is to be held next year at Salisbury Cathedral.

Please hold his partner, Fletcher, and the Cathedral community in your prayers.

## Grief Talks - Time to share & reflect

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November: 10 am – 12 noon**

**at the Mission Church, Back Road, Sandhurst TN18 5JU**

Coming to terms with the loss of a loved one can be one of the hardest things we have to do. When someone has died, while we may feel our loved one is at peace, it can still leave us with hugely mixed emotions.

We are offering a morning to explore our grief through conversation, readings and crafting together. It will be a safe space to come to talk and share what has been going on for you.

Talking to others who have been through similar experiences can be helpful, or just knowing that someone is there to listen. For more information and to book this free workshop please contact Claire Roberts on 01580 754374 or email [clairecr57@yahoo.com](mailto:clairecr57@yahoo.com)

## Carol Services at St George's



**Advent Carol Service - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 5pm**  
**Parish Carol Service - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm**

### *The Friends of St George's Church*



# Quiz Night

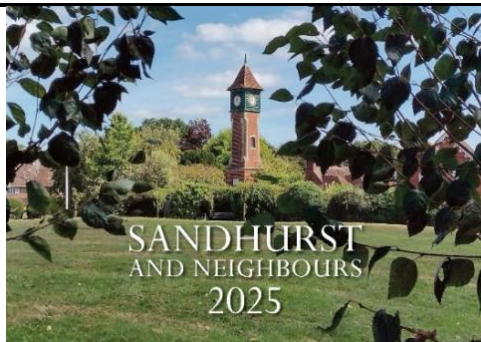
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024**

**Benenden Village Hall 7 for 7.30 pm**

**£18 per head to include a Ploughman's Supper**

**To book please contact: Deborah Jenkins Tel 01580 240 454**


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#### SANDHURST & NEIGHBOURS CALENDAR

Following last year's successful sales of the Sandhurst Calendar, I have produced a follow up one for 2025. These will be available to view in the Church and the Mission Church and cost £10 each – sales in aid of the St Nicholas organ overhaul fund. If you would like a calendar, please ask Katherine O'Neil – 01850 850159 or 07794 068373 or put your name on the list at the back of church

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