

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: 12th 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 12th February – The Second Sunday before Lent

Readings: Romans 8.18-25, Matthew 6.25-end

- 8 am** **1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION**
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
- 10 am** **MORNING WORSHIP**
led by David Harmsworth
- Hymns: 676 Immortal, invisible, God only wise*
 681 In heavenly love abiding
 569 The kingdom of God
 710 Light's abode, celestial Salem (omit v4&5)
- 1 – 3 pm 'Warm Welcome Space' at Benenden Memorial Hall

THE WEEK AHEAD

Revd David is on holiday returning on Friday 17th February.

Should you require the services of a Priest during his absence, please contact your Churchwardens: David Collard Tel 241 944; Sue Fisher Tel 241 907

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| Monday 13 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at St George's |
| | 7.30 pm | Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church |
| Tuesday 14 th | | No Morning Prayer today |
| | 10 am | Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen |
| | 8 pm | Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's |
| Wednesday 15 th | | No Morning Prayer today |
| | 10 – 11.30 am | Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall – all welcome |
| | 7 pm | Central Weald Filling Station at Benenden Primary School |
| | 7.30 – 9.15 pm | Bellringing at St George's |
| Thursday 16 th | 7.30 pm | Weald Deanery Synod meeting at St Mary's, Sutton Valence |
| Friday 17 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at St George's |
| | 1 – 3 pm | 'Warm Welcome Space' at Benenden Memorial Hall |
| | 7.30 – 9 pm | Bellringing – Quarter Peal attempt at St George's |

Sunday Next: 19th February – The Sunday next before Lent

Readings: 2 Peter 1.16-end, Matthew 17.1-9

- 8 am** **HOLY COMMUNION**
led by Revd David Commander
- 10 am** **SUNG EUCHARIST**
led by Revd David Commander
- 1 – 3 pm 'Warm Welcome Space' at Benenden Memorial Hall

Bible Readings – Sunday 12th February – The Second Sunday before Lent

Romans 8.18-25

Future Glory

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 6.25-end

Do Not Worry

²⁵ 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Prayers:

t/I Barbara Sheffield: For those of you who may remember Barbara, I pass on the news that she died on the 14th January; her funeral will take place at St George's Church on Wednesday 22nd February at 11 am. The service will be followed by burial in the churchyard with her late husband, Derek Sheffield. Please hold Barbara's family in your prayers.

"Learning and Sharing the Faith" group: This is a benefice group, drawn from people from both church families, who discuss and arrange things relating to... how we learn about our faith, and how we share our faith. The group has been "sleeping" since the lockdowns imposed by Covid; it is time to reinvigorate the work of this group. If you are interested in moving forward our mission, our outreach, our learning - then please speak to me and think about joining the group. We have a meeting scheduled for Monday 20th February, 7pm, at The Rectory. If you want to see what it is about: come along. If you have ideas for mission: come along and share them. Revd David

Church Annual Meeting: The church's Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on Monday 18th April 2023 in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend but only those on the Electoral Roll are entitled to vote. This year we have many vacancies for the PCC as well as electing our Churchwardens and the Deanery Synod Representatives who attend Deanery Synod meetings on our behalf. As Revd David is to be our new Area Dean we would especially like three people to come forward to serve at Deanery. The PCC meets six times a year and the Deanery about three times a year. Deanery Representatives automatically serve on the PCC. We hope you will seriously think about serving St. George's in this way. Please see your churchwardens or myself for more information. Julia Collard

Central Weald Filling Station: Meets on February Wednesday 15th from 7pm for snacks at Benenden Primary School. Our speaker is Simon Baddeley, Filling Station Regional Consultant for the South West. Simon is a great speaker, a worship leader, and also with a strong prophetic anointing. He gave a number of encouraging and specific words last time to various folk who were really blessed. All are welcome.

Palm Crosses: Would you please let Revd David have your old palm crosses back, ready for creating the ashes for the **Ash Wednesday service on 22nd February**. (The service is at **7.30pm** at St George's Church.) There will be a basket at the back of the church. Please return any old palm crosses by Sunday 19th February. Thank you!



IN HIS SERVICE

Growing together in Lent

Lent is the Old English word for Spring -



a time of growth and re-awakening

This Lent we are looking to grow in our understanding of the 'Liturgy', the pattern of our worship offered day by day and week by week 'in His service'. Many of us are so familiar with the words of our church services that we are in danger of reciting them without really thinking much about what we are hearing and saying. Others, newcomers to church, may find parts of the service quite hard to understand. 'Liturgy' actually means 'the work of the people'. Not a spectator event, but something in which we all play our part.

In our Lent course we shall be looking at the service of The Eucharist (Holy Communion, The Lord's Supper), hoping and expecting to discover in the familiar (or unfamiliar) words and actions new springs of meaning and inspiration. As we share our understanding, our thoughts and experiences, we look to grow in His service.

***We meet in in the Mission Church at 7.30 pm
on Wednesdays March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.
We look forward to seeing you there. Revd Rosemary***

Weald Deanery – Area Dean

Revd David is to be commissioned as the next Area Dean for the Weald Deanery. Archdeacon Andrew Sewell will conduct the commissioning at the Choral Evensong service at St George's Benenden on Sunday 5th March, 5pm. Refreshments and social after the service.

‘CONNECT FOUR’

4pm – Saturday 25th February



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

**A service especially for families – but, of course, all age groups are very welcome.
Worship, craft, refreshments and fun.**

*We meet on the fourth Sunday of every month.
Please join us. This month we will have pancakes too!*

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