

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March

### The Fifth Sunday of Lent

### *Passiontide begins*

**Collect:** Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### **Sunday: 17<sup>th</sup> March – The Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passiontide begins**

*Readings: Hebrews 5.5-10, John 12.20-33*

#### **8 am HOLY COMMUNION**

led by Revd David Commander & Vicki Young

#### **10 am SUNG EUCHARIST**

led by Revd David Commander & Vicki Young

*Hymns: 157 When I survey the wondrous cross  
147 My song is love unknown  
142 Glory be to Jesus  
612 Christ triumphant*

#### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's <i>No Sandhurst Home Group until after Easter</i>
	3 pm	Interment of t/l John Mansell at St George's
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	1 - 3 pm	Sip 'n' Chat Café at Sandhurst Mission Church
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Lent Course at The Memorial Hall (week 5 of 5)</b> <i>No Benenden Home Group until after Easter</i>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7 pm	Learning & Sharing the Faith meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7 pm	Central Weald 'Filling Station' at Benenden Primary School
	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10 - 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	11 - 12.30 pm	Quarter Peal Attempt at St George's
	<b>4 pm</b>	<b>CONNECT FOUR AT SANDHURST MISSION CHURCH</b>

#### **Sunday Next: 24<sup>th</sup> March – Palm Sunday**

*Readings: Psalm 118.1-2 & 19-end, Mark 11.1-11*

**8 am HOLY COMMUNION** led by Revd David Commander  
*followed by breakfast at the Memorial Hall*

**9.45 am Palm Sunday Procession forms up at the Memorial Hall**

**9.50 am PROCESS FROM THE MEMORIAL HALL TO ST GEORGE'S**

**10 am ALL AGE COMMUNION** led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

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**Hebrews 5.5-10**

<sup>5</sup> So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

‘You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you’;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

‘You are a priest for ever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.’

<sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

**John 12.20-33**

**Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus**

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

**Jesus Speaks about His Death**

<sup>27</sup> ‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

**Revision of the St George’s Church Electoral Roll:** The Electoral Roll is currently open for revision until 7<sup>th</sup> April. If you are already on the Roll you need to do nothing, but if you would like to join the Roll there are Application forms at the back of the church. Please fill out a form and either leave it at the back of the church for the attention of David Collard or post it to David Collard at 7 Fuggles Court, Benenden, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 4EF.

**Date for the Diary: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024: St George’s APM and APCM** at Benenden Memorial Hall.

**Central Weald filling Station: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at Benenden Primary School.** Doors open at 7pm for pizza. The speaker is Andrew Chapman, who founded the London School of Supernatural Ministry in 2012. With the encouragement and curriculum of Bethel’s school in California, Andrew pioneered the London centre, training people to "hear clearly from God, take risks, demonstrate the miraculous, bringing heaven to earth to transform culture."

# 'CONNECT FOUR'

**Our informal family service**

**4pm - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

**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!

**ST GEORGE'S,  
BENENDEN**

## **Palm Sunday**

**24<sup>th</sup> March 2024**



**9 am** Breakfast in the Memorial Hall

**9.50 am** Process from the Memorial Hall  
to St George's

**10 am** Palm Sunday All Age Communion







**Benenden 'Give up a meal for Lent'**  
*Donation point in St George's Church or please  
contact Gemma to arrange collection.*


We are asking those who are able to consider donating a much-needed item that is in short supply: 24<sup>th</sup> March: Corned beef tins  
Easter Sunday: Microwave rice pouches  
Contact: Gemma Coupland 07548 262509  
[gemmalouhunter@gmail.com](mailto:gemmalouhunter@gmail.com)  
<http://www.nourishcommunityfoodbank.org.uk>

# ST GEORGE'S – HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

## Palm Sunday (24<sup>th</sup> March) to Easter Day (31<sup>st</sup> March)

	8 am	Holy Communion at St George's followed by breakfast at the Memorial Hall
	9.50 am	process from the Memorial Hall to St George's
	10 am	All Age Communion at St George's
<b>Monday of Holy Week</b>	7.30 pm	Reflective Service at Sandhurst Mission Church
<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b>	7.30 pm	Reflective Service at St George's
<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b>	7.30 pm	Reflective Service at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at St George's
	10 am	An Hour by the Cross at St George's
<b>Easter Eve</b>	7.30 pm	Reflective Service at St George's
<b>Easter Day</b> 	6.15 am	Sunrise Service - <i>in the Churchyard</i> - at St Nicholas, Sandhurst followed by breakfast at Sandhurst Mission Church
	8 am	Holy Communion at St George's
	10 am	Sung Eucharist at St George's

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