

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

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

<b>8 am</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
<b>10 am</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> led by Revd David Commander & Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
	<i>Hymns</i> 584 <i>All my hope on God is founded</i> 422 <i>Alleluia, sing to Jesus!</i> 641 <i>Glorious things of thee are spoken</i> 441 (HC) <i>Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord</i> 643 <i>God beyond earth's finest treasures</i>
<b>12.30 pm</b>	<b>Baptism of Albert &amp; Darcie Norris at St George's</b>

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at the Rectory
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	7.30 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	7 pm	Weald Filling Station at Benenden Primary School
	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Bellringing 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 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's
	2.30 pm	Project 20:20 meeting at St George's
	<b>7 for 7.30 pm</b>	<b>Friends of St George's Quiz at Benenden Village Hall</b>
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>10 am – 12.30 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Mini Market at Sandhurst Mission Church</b>
	<b>4 pm</b>	<b>'CONNECT FOUR' family service at Sandhurst Mission Church</b>

### Sunday Next: 24<sup>th</sup> November – Christ the King (Sunday next before Advent)

*Readings: Revelation 1.4b-8, John 18.33-37*

<b>8 am</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> led by Revd David Commander
<b>10 am</b>	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b> led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

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**Hebrews 10.11-14**

<sup>11</sup> And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', <sup>13</sup>and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

**Hebrews 10.19-25**

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**Mark 13.1-8**

<sup>13</sup>As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

<sup>3</sup> When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

**"Filling Station":** The next meeting is next 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.

**Christmas Lunch:** We are inviting people who would otherwise be on their own to join us for our Christmas lunch in the Memorial Hall on Christmas Day.

We don't charge for this as people very generously offer items of food etc. Our food list is almost complete, but we would be grateful for the odd bottle of wine or soft drink and donations towards the cost of the meat which is always the most expensive item to buy.

If you are able to offer some help on the day, we would also love to hear from you. We would particularly appreciate help at the end of the day with clearing up etc. Usually from 4-4.30pm onwards. Helen Commander

**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

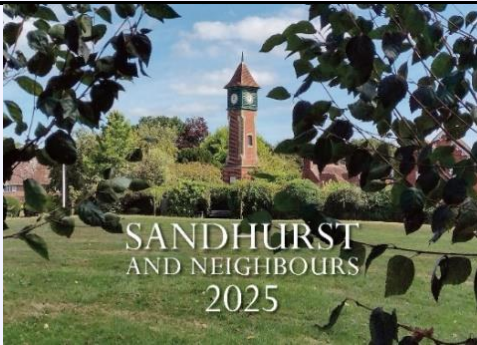
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024**

**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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