

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: 19<sup>th</sup> February The Sunday next before Lent

**Collect:** Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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

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*Hymns: 506 The church's one foundation (omit v3)  
51 The Lord will come  
681 In heavenly love abiding  
603 Bright the vision*

1 – 3 pm 'Warm Welcome Space' at Benenden Memorial Hall

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7 pm	"Learning and Sharing the Faith" group meeting at the Rectory
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
<b>Shrove Tuesday</b>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	8 pm	Benenden Home Group – at <i>Tim &amp; Diane Bentley's</i>
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall – all welcome
	11 am	Funeral of t/l Barbara Sheffield at St George's
	2.15 pm	BPS Year 6 Ash Wednesday Service at St George's
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION ASHING SERVICE AT ST GEORGE'S</b> led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen <i>Readings: Psalm 51.1-18, 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10, John 8.1-11</i>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	1 – 3 pm	'Warm Welcome Space' at Benenden Memorial Hall
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>4 pm</b>	<b>'CONNECT FOUR' AT THE MISSION CHURCH</b>

### Sunday Next: 26<sup>th</sup> February – The First Sunday of Lent

*Readings: Romans 5.12-19, Matthew 4.1-11*

**8 am HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**  
led by Revd David Commander

**10 am MORNING WORSHIP**  
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

1 – 3 pm 'Warm Welcome Space' at Benenden Memorial Hall

## **Bible Readings – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February – The Sunday next before Lent**

### **2 Peter 1.16-end**

#### ***Eyewitnesses of Christ's Glory***

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

### **Matthew 17.1-9**

#### ***The Transfiguration***

<sup>17</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

#### **Prayers:**

**t/I Barbara Sheffield:** Barbara's funeral is at St George's Church on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 tomorrow, **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 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

**The Benenden Home Group will meet at Tim & Diane Bentley's on Shrove Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February, for a Pancake Party. We will not meet again until after Easter.**

**Ash Wednesday  
Communion Service at St George's  
- 22<sup>nd</sup> February - 7.30pm**

**Church Annual Meeting: The church's Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> 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



## **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 the Mission Church, Back Road, Sandhurst TN18 5JU  
at 7.30 pm***

***on Wednesdays March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.  
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 5<sup>th</sup> March, 5pm. Refreshments and social after the service.

# 'CONNECT FOUR'

4pm – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Saturday of every month.  
Please join us. This month we will have pancakes too!*

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