

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: 19th March The Fourth Sunday of Lent **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

Collect: God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 19th March – The Fourth Sunday of Lent - MOTHERING SUNDAY

Readings: 2 Corinthians 1.3-7, John 19.25b-27

8 am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander

10 am ALL AGE COMMUNION - MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

led by Revd David Commander

Hymns: 9 *When morning gilds the skies (omit v 2&3)*
238 *Come down, O love divine*
136 *Fathers and mothers*
826 *Ye holy angels bright*

2 pm Colourstrings Concert at St George's

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 20 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's <i>No Sandhurst Home Group until after Easter</i>
Tuesday 21 st	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen <i>No Benenden Home Group until after Easter</i>
Wednesday 22 nd	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall – all welcome
	2.30 pm	Benenden Worship Group meeting
	7.30 pm	Lent Course – Week 4 – at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Friday 24 th	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 th	10.15 am – 12.15 pm	Visiting Bellringers at St George's
	2.45 – 3.45 pm	St Agatha Bellringers at St George's
	4 pm	CONNECT FOUR AT SANDHURST MISSION CHURCH

Sunday Next: 26th March – The Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passiontide begins

Readings: Romans 6:6-11 & John 11:1-45

8 am HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd David Commander

10 am BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS, SANDHURST

led by Lyn Hayes & Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin

followed by the consecration of new Garden of Remembrance

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

Bible Readings – Sunday 19th March – Mothering Sunday

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Paul's Thanksgiving after Affliction

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. ⁷Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

John 19.25b-27

^{25b}Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

'Friends of St George's' AGM: 7pm, Monday 17th April at St George's. Followed at 7.30pm by a talk about Wing Commander Ronald Kellett, founder and leader of 303 (Polish) Squadron during the Battle of Britain. All are most welcome to come and hear more about the man commemorated by the memorial on the south wall of the church in the shape of a Hurricane's wing.

The revision of the Electoral Roll closes next Sunday, 26th March. If you would like to join the Roll there are application forms at the back of the church, please fill one out and leave it at the back of the church marked for the attention of David Collard asap.

Church Annual Meeting: St George's Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting are on Tuesday 18th April 2023 in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Everyone is invited to attend and all parishioners may vote at the APM for the election of Churchwardens. Only those on the Electoral Roll are entitled to vote at the APCM but others living in the parish may be invited to stay and observe the meeting. At the APCM PCC and Deanery Synod members may be elected. Deanery Synod Representatives attend Deanery Synod meetings on St George's behalf and, as Revd David is now our 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

Common Chalice: At some point it is my sincere hope that we will return to using the "common chalice" – ie drinking the wine from "the one cup". We stopped doing so during Covid when we came out of lock-down and were able to return to worshipping together in church. Covid has not gone away, but we are vaccinated, and we are learning to live with it. I would be interested to know how your thoughts about returning to using the chalice for the distribution of Communion wine. Please let me know how you feel about this over coffee after a service, or by dropping me an email. Do if we feel ready, as a church family, to do this; is anyone with strong feelings about not doing so; and how we might make Communion distribution work for everyone? Revd David

26th MARCH – Next Sunday's 10am service is a BENEFICE SERVICE at St Nicholas, Sandhurst with Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin both preaching and presiding. The consecration of St Nicholas' new Garden of Remembrance follows the service.

"Technology help" needed please! Having taken on this new role of Area Dean, there are some things that I need to find others to help with at St George's. One of these is for someone to take on looking after the technology at St George's Church. (eg the AV system, including mics/batteries and connection of laptops to the projector; the Wi-Fi router and Sum-Up machine; resetting lighting circuits if they trip; issues with the heating system.) Computer and cloud-drive knowledge would also be very useful when there are problems with the church office computer, or with my work computer, or synching with the cloud-drive. Is this a gift that you have and could share? If so, please, please get in touch with me. Revd David (Tel 240658, Mob 07710 416978)

HYBRID LAY WORSHIP LEADING COURSE APRIL - JULY 2023: Please see fliers and posters in church for full details of this year's course, which takes place on Tuesday evenings (online) and some Saturdays (in Canterbury). Or please email benendenchurch@gmail.com for details and an application form.



ST GEORGE'S CHRISTIAN AID CAMPAIGN - 2023

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/st-georges-church>

No mother should have the heart-breaking choice of which child to educate and which one will miss out on their dreams. No hardworking young person should be forced to give up on education, locking them into poverty.

We dream of a better world. We want every child to be able to have the education they need to break free of poverty. We imagine a future where crops are not flattened by cyclones and washed away by floods.

Together, we can help people secure a better future for their families, giving them the chance to fulfil their potential. With your help, we can make dreams come true around the world. We won't stop until everyone can live a full life, free from poverty.

Please consider donating and sharing the above weblink and QR code.

Our St George's target again this year is £3,000.

Confirmation

We are arranging a Confirmation Service, led by Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin, in the Weald Deanery. This is likely to be on Sunday 2nd July, at a church in the Deanery. It would be lovely to have some candidates from our benefice to be confirmed at the service. The Confirmation service is, as an adult, teenager or child, an opportunity to make a public declaration for yourself to follow Christ and his teachings in your life. If you, or a member of your family, would like to be confirmed, please let me know; we will then organise an appropriate form of Confirmation preparation. Revd David

Canterbury Cathedral Precincts Pass. If you hold one of these free passes, which allowed Canterbury Diocese church members free access to the cathedral and grounds, then you should be aware that it expired at the end of last month. The replacement is called the Cathedral Pass and will cost £6 for five years. Full information is available on the Cathedral website or on 01227 762862. Passes must be collected in person once approved. RF

'CONNECT FOUR'
4pm – Saturday 25th March



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

A service especially for families – but, of course, all age groups are very welcome.

- "Connecting"**
- with one another
 - with Bible stories
 - with God
 - with tea, coffee & cake.

Worship, music, games, craft, refreshments & fun.
We meet on the fourth Saturday of every month.



**St George's
'Give Up A Meal For Lent'**

Throughout the season of Lent, we are asking those that are able to give, to consider donating a much needed item to the Nourish Foodbank on a weekly basis.

Each Sunday we will focus on a particular food type that is short in supplies.

- 5th March: Pasta sauce jars
- 12th March: Baked beans
- 19th March: Tinned potatoes
- 26th March: Tinned fruit
- 2nd April: Tinned spaghetti
- Easter Sunday: Tinned fish

Contact: Gemma Coupland 07548 262509 gemmalouhunter@gmail.com

<http://www.nourishcommunityfoodbank.org.uk>

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