

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 24th March Palm Sunday

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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: 24th March – Palm Sunday

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

8 am	HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S led by Revd David Commander <i>followed by breakfast at Benenden Memorial Hall</i>
9.45 am	<i>Palm Sunday Procession forms up at the Memorial Hall</i>
9.50 am	PROCESS FROM THE MEMORIAL HALL TO ST GEORGE'S
10 am	ALL AGE COMMUNION led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie <i>Hymns: 159 All glory, laud and honour</i> <i>702 Lead us, heavenly Father</i> <i>763 Praise to the holiest</i> <i>161i Ride on, ride on in majesty</i>

THE WEEK AHEAD – HOLY WEEK

Monday of of Holy Week	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Reflective Service at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
Tuesday of Holy Week	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
	7.30 pm	Reflective Service at St George's led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
Wednesday of Holy Week	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Reflective Service at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Lyn Hayes
Maundy Thursday	8 – 9 am	<i>Set up for BPS Easter Service</i>
	10 - 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
	11 am	Maundy Thursday service at Canterbury Cathedral
	2.45 pm	BPS Easter Service at St George's led by Revd David Commander
	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service at St George's led by Revd David Commander & Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
Good Friday	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	10 am	An Hour at the Cross at St George's led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
Easter Eve	7.30 pm	Reflective Service at St George's led by Revd David Commander

Sunday Next: 31st March – EASTER DAY

Readings: Acts 10.34-43, Mark 16.1-8

- 6.15 am** **SUNRISE SERVICE - IN THE CHURCHYARD - AT ST NICHOLAS, SANDHURST**
led by Lyn Hayes & Revd David Commander
followed by breakfast at the Mission Church
- 8 am** **HOLY COMMUNION**
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
- 10 am** **SUNG EUCHARIST FOR EASTER**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

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Psalm 118 A Song of Victory

- ¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!
- ² Let Israel say,
'His steadfast love endures for ever.'
- ¹⁹ He brought me out into a broad place;
he delivered me, because he delighted in me.
- ²⁰ The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness;
according to the cleanness of my hands he recompensed me.
- ²¹ For I have kept the ways of the Lord,
and have not wickedly departed from my God.
- ²² For all his ordinances were before me,
and his statutes I did not put away from me.
- ²³ I was blameless before him,
and I kept myself from guilt.
- ²⁴ Therefore the Lord has recompensed me according to my righteousness,
according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.
- ²⁵ With the loyal you show yourself loyal;
with the blameless you show yourself blameless;
- ²⁶ with the pure you show yourself pure;
and with the crooked you show yourself perverse.
- ²⁷ For you deliver a humble people,
but the haughty eyes you bring down.
- ²⁸ It is you who light my lamp;
the Lord, my God, lights up my darkness.
- ²⁹ By you I can crush a troop,
and by my God I can leap over a wall.
- ³⁰ This God—his way is perfect;
the promise of the Lord proves true;
he is a shield for all who take refuge in him.
- ³¹ For who is God except the Lord?
And who is a rock besides our God?—
- ³² the God who girded me with strength,
and made my way safe.
- ³³ He made my feet like the feet of a deer,
and set me secure on the heights.
- ³⁴ He trains my hands for war,
so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
- ³⁵ You have given me the shield of your salvation,
and your right hand has supported me;
your help has made me great.

³⁶ You gave me a wide place for my steps under me,
and my feet did not slip.
³⁷ I pursued my enemies and overtook them;
and did not turn back until they were consumed.
³⁸ I struck them down, so that they were not able to rise;
they fell under my feet.
³⁹ For you girded me with strength for the battle;
you made my assailants sink under me.
⁴⁰ You made my enemies turn their backs to me,
and those who hated me I destroyed.
⁴¹ They cried for help, but there was no one to save them;
they cried to the Lord, but he did not answer them.
⁴² I beat them fine, like dust before the wind;
I cast them out like the mire of the streets.
⁴³ You delivered me from strife with the peoples;
you made me head of the nations;
people whom I had not known served me.
⁴⁴ As soon as they heard of me they obeyed me;
foreigners came cringing to me.
⁴⁵ Foreigners lost heart,
and came trembling out of their strongholds.
⁴⁶ The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock,
and exalted be the God of my salvation,
⁴⁷ the God who gave me vengeance
and subdued peoples under me;
⁴⁸ who delivered me from my enemies;
indeed, you exalted me above my adversaries;
you delivered me from the violent.
⁴⁹ For this I will extol you, O Lord, among the nations,
and sing praises to your name.
⁵⁰ Great triumphs he gives to his king,
and shows steadfast love to his anointed,
to David and his descendants for ever.

Mark 11.1-11

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." ' ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Revision of the St George's Church Electoral Roll: The Electoral Roll is currently open for revision until 7th 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.

The 2024 annual church meeting will take place in the Memorial Hall, Benenden at 7.30pm on Monday 22nd April 2024. Coffee and biscuits will be served before the meeting. We plan again this year to publish the various reports in advance so that you can have a chance to read them before the meeting. Copies will therefore be available for you to collect from the church from Sunday, 31st March. The meeting will also include, as usual, the election of Churchwardens and PCC members for the coming year. If you would like more details of the work of any of these, please ask me or the current churchwardens. Julia Collard

Summer Teas in St George's Church: Following the success of this initiative last year we would like to do it again this summer. It was lovely to be able to offer refreshments to visitors in the Sunday afternoons throughout summer and to catch up with one another too.

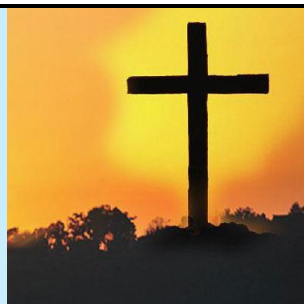
If you would like to help with this, either by making cakes or actually being there on the day and serving our guests then please contact me to have a chat.

We are looking to do this each Sunday from July 7th – August 25th. Between 2 and 4pm.

There will always be 2 people each week and of course the more people who sign up the better.

If you would like to help but know of dates within this time frame that you can't do, then please indicate when you contact me...it helps with producing rotas.

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**Easter Sunday
Sunrise Service
6.15 am
in the Churchyard
at St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst
followed by Breakfast at the Mission Church**



**Benenden 'Give up a meal for Lent'
Donation point in St George's Church**

We are asking those who are able to consider donating a much-needed item that is in short supply:

24th March: Corned beef tins

Easter Sunday: Microwave rice pouches

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

Church Contacts:

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