

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: 25th February The Second Sunday of Lent

Collect: Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday: 25th February – The Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Romans 4.13-end, Mark 8.31-end

8 am	HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd David Commander & Vicki Young
10 am	MORNING WORSHIP led by David Harmsworth
	<i>Hymns: 4 New every morning</i>
	<i>595 Be thou my vision</i>
	<i>763 Praise to the holiest</i>
	<i>748 O Jesus, I have promised</i>

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 26 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's <i>No Sandhurst Home Group until after Easter</i>
	7 pm	20:20 Project – progress meeting at St George's
Tuesday 27 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	11.30 am	MLT meeting at the Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Lent Course at The Memorial Hall (week 2 of 5) <i>No Benenden Home Group until after Easter</i>
Wednesday 28 th		<i>No Morning Prayer today</i>
	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 29 th	10–11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
Friday 1 st	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's

Sunday Next: 3rd March – The Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1.18-25, John 2.13-22

8 am	HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
10 am	ALL AGE COMMUNION led by Revd David Commander
5 pm	CHORAL EVENSONG led by David Harmsworth <i>Psalms 11. Readings: Exodus 5.1-6.1, Matthew 10.16-22</i>

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Romans 4.13-end

God's Promise Realized through Faith

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ²³Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Mark 8.31-end

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Benenden & Sandhurst Home Groups: Over the next four weeks both Home Groups are following the Lent Course, on Tuesdays, 7.30 – 9pm at the Memorial Hall. Full details below. All are welcome to join us. David Collard

REVISED DATES!
UPCOMING CHOIR PRACTICES AT ST GEORGE'S
(All practices from 7 to 8 pm)

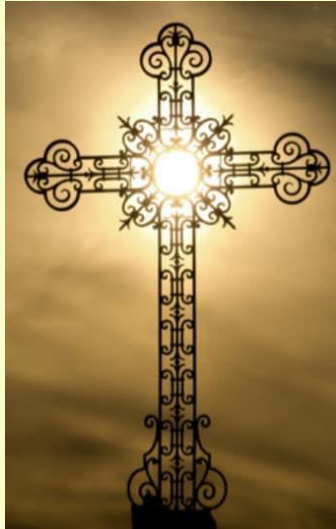
Thursday 14th March

Thursday 4th April

Thursday 18th April

NB no practice on 29th February or 28th March (Maundy Thursday – Communion service)

Lent Course 2024



At the Foot of the Cross

A Lenten Journey with Julian of Norwich

5 week course from Tuesday 20th February.

from 7.30 - 9pm

at Benenden Memorial Hall

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Lyn Hayes.

All are welcome.

Thank You!

Following last week's appeal for household goods for a fellow resident, our lovely Church Family and members of the village have together donated all the items needed (and more) in only ONE week! Our friend is slightly overwhelmed and very grateful. A great thank you to all for your generous hearts. True Lenten spirit! When we come together we can move mountains...

Much love to you all,
Ylva

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE
AT ST GEORGE'S
Sunday 10th March
10am - Morning Worship
led by Revd David Commander



Benenden 'Give up a meal for Lent'

We are asking those that are able to give to consider donating a much-needed item that is in short supply to the Nourish Foodbank on a weekly basis.

Donation point in St George's Church or please contact Gemma, details below, to arrange collection.

25th February: Baked beans

3rd March: Tinned potatoes

10th March: Tinned fish

17th March: Tinned spaghetti/ beans


24th March: Corned beef tins

Easter Sunday: Microwave rice pouches

Contact: Gemma Coupland 07548 262509 gemma.louhunter@gmail.com

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

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