

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: 26th February The First Sunday of Lent

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 26th February – The First Sunday of Lent

Readings: Romans 5.12-19, Matthew 4.1-11

8 am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander

10 am MORNING WORSHIP

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

*Hymns: 763 Praise to the Holiest
128 Jesus, lover of my soul
131 O for a closer walk
646 God is working his purpose out*

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 27 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 28 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander <i>No Benenden Home Group until after Easter</i>
Wednesday 1 st	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall – all welcome
	7.30 pm	Lent Course – Week 1 – at Sandhurst Mission Church
Thursday 2 nd	7 – 8 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 3 rd	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 4 th	9.30 am – 12 noon	Churchyard Working Party at St George's

Sunday Next: 5th March – The Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Romans 4.1-5, 13-17, John 3.1-17

8 am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am ALL AGE COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander

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

4 pm Choir Practice at St George's

5 pm CHORAL EVENSONG & COMMISSIONING OF AREA DEAN

led by Revd David Commander & Archdeacon Andrew Sewell

Psalm 121. Readings: Numbers 21.4-9, Luke 14.27-33

Bible Readings – Sunday 26th February – The First Sunday of Lent

Romans 5.12-19 Adam and Christ

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— ¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Matthew 4.1-11 The Temptation of Jesus

⁴Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." '

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you",

and "On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

⁷Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." '

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him." '

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

St George's Churchyard Working Party - Saturday 4th March from 9.30 am to 12 noon.

Please join us if you are able. DH

The Benenden Home Group next meets again after Easter.

Church Annual Meeting: The church's Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on TUESDAY 18th 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

Sunday Next: 5th March – 5pm
CHORAL EVENSONG & COMMISSIONING
OF REVD DAVID AS AREA DEAN
at St George's
followed by Refreshments



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 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.
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 next Sunday, 5th March, at 5pm. Refreshments and social after the service.



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

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