

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: 27th November The First Sunday of Advent

Collect: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 27th November –The First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Romans 13.11-14, Matthew 24.36-44

- 8 am** **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
- 10 am** **MORNING WORSHIP AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by David Harmsworth
- Hymns:* 30 *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*
 52 *The people that in darkness sat*
 41 *Lo, he comes with clouds descending*
 51 *The Lord will come and not be slow*
- 12 noon** Interment of t/l Naomi Chant at St George's
- 5 pm** **ADVENT SERVICE OF LIGHT AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Revd David Commander

THE WEEK AHEAD

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| Monday 28 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at St George's |
| | 7.30 pm | Benenden PCC meeting at the Memorial Hall |
| | 7.30 pm | Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church |
| Tuesday 29 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church |
| | 10 am | Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie |
| | 8 pm | Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's |
| Wednesday 30 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church |
| | 10 – 11.30 am | Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall |
| Thursday 1 st | 10 am | Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's |
| | 7 pm | Choir Practice at St George's |
| Friday 2 nd | 8 am | Morning Prayer at St George's |
| | 9 – 11 am | Cakes & Chaos at St George's |
| | 6.30pm | Carols in the Café at Benenden's |
| Saturday 3 rd | 4 pm | Connect 4 at Sandhurst Mission Church |

Sunday Next: 4th December –The Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Romans 15.4-13, Matthew 3.1-12

- 8 am** **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
- 10 am** **ALL AGE COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd David Commander
- No Evening Service this Sunday***

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Romans 13.11-14

An Urgent Appeal

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 24.36-44

The Necessity for Watchfulness

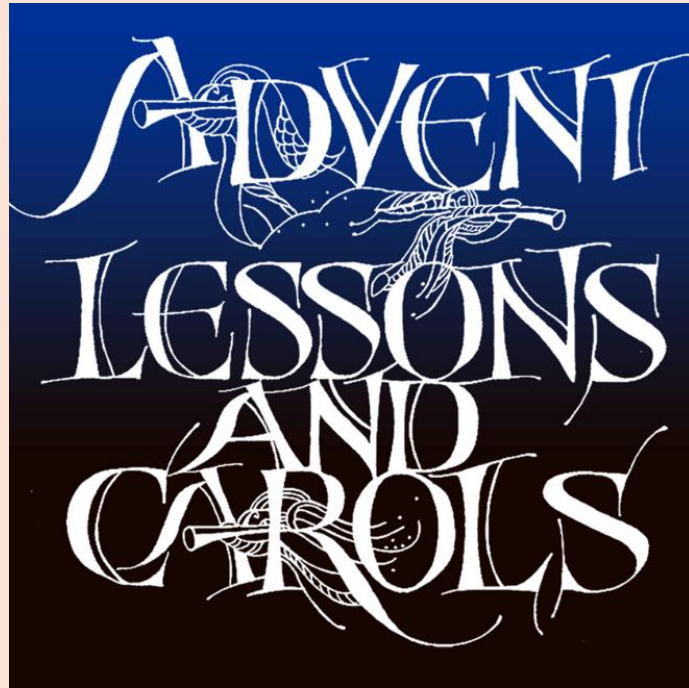
³⁶ 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Sad News & Prayers: I am saddened to pass on the news that our dear **Roma Marshall** died in the early hours of Wednesday 23rd November in Maidstone Hospital. Her family had been with her earlier in the week to say their goodbyes, and Revd Ylva had been to see her on Tuesday. We thank God for her life, and pray that she now rests secure in His arms. Please hold Cliff, John, Nigel and the family in your prayers.

I am also very sad to pass on the news that **Ian Thompson** has passed away; he died on Wednesday 23rd November. Please hold Ann in your prayers, and Sarah, Robert and Skye.

Details of the services will be announced when they are known. Revd David.

**ADVENT SERVICE OF LIGHT
TONIGHT**



**5 pm Sunday 27th November
AT ST GEORGE'S**

'Connect 4'

Saturday 3rd December at 4pm

**at The Mission Church,
Back Road, Sandhurst TN18 4RB**

*A monthly family service with refreshments,
Bible stories and activities for all the family.*

Everyone is welcome!

Bell-ringing Practice at St George's (usual weekly timetable)

Mondays: 3.30 to 4.30 pm - Learners' practice
 Tuesdays: 6.30 to 7.30 pm - Simulator practice
 Wednesdays: 7.30 to 9 pm - Weekly Bell-ringing Practice (shutters open)
 Thursdays: 4.30 to 5.30 pm - Simulator practice
 Fridays: 9 to 10.30 am - Simulator practice
 3rd Friday of the Month 7.30 – 9 pm – Quarter Peal attempt

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