

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 9th February The Fourth Sunday before Lent

Collect: O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 9th February – The Fourth Sunday before Lent

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11, Luke 5.1-11

8 am **1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

10 am **MORNING WORSHIP**
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

Hymns: 486 *Christ is the King! O friends rejoice (omit vv2,3)*
 220 *Word that formed creation, earth and sea and sky*
 620 *Dear Christ, uplifted from the earth*
 476 *Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 10 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	4.30 pm	Project 20:20 meeting – at Richard's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at the Mission Church
Tuesday 11 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
Wednesday 12 th	7.30 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	11.30 am	Memorial Service at St George's t/l Jane Garrett
	7 pm	Discipleship & Mission Group – prayer meeting via Zoom
Thursday 13 th	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St George's
	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
	7 – 8 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 14 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	2 pm	BPS 'Seekers' Service at St George's followed by refreshments for parents

Sunday Next: 16th February – The Third Sunday before Lent

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15.12-20, Luke 6.17-26

8 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am **SUNG EUCHARIST**
led by Revd David Commander & Victoria Bray

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1 Corinthians 15.1-11

¹⁵Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Luke 5.1-11

⁵Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' ⁵Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Prayers & Sad news:

t/I Jane Garrett: Please hold Sarah, Linda, Nick and James in your prayers as they gather with family and friends at St George's Church for a Memorial Service to give thanks for their mother's life. Jane died on the 30th December at the age of 93 and is missed by her family. On Wednesday they celebrate her life and all that she brought to their lives.

t/I Dick Dengate, former Rector of St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst, passed away peacefully on Thursday 30th January. He had been admitted to the Conquest Hospital about a week before, was starting to show signs of recovery, but died on Thursday morning. The future was looking like a care home for Dick, which he would not have wanted; David, Dick's son, said he sees this as a release and blessing for his father. **Dick's funeral will be on Friday 28th February, at 2pm, at St Peter & St Paul's Church,** Peasmarsh TN31 6XE. This will be a church funeral service followed by burial in the churchyard. A social within the church may follow but details are to be confirmed. Revd David

Date for the Diary: Churchyard Working Party at St George's - Saturday 1st March from 9.30 am to noon. Please do join us if you are able. Dick Hill

'CONNECT FOUR'

Our informal family service

**We next meet - 4pm - Saturday 1st March
at Sandhurst Mission Church, Back Road TN18 5JU**



Come along and connect with:

**- family and friends - tea, coffee, cake - the Bible – worship - and God!
Refreshments throughout**

(NB February date moved due to half term holidays)

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 5th March There will be a service to mark Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent - at 7.30 pm at St George's.

**Loss & Grief Café
Time to share & reflect**



**Saturday 15th March - 10 am to 12 noon
at the Mission Church, TN18 5JU**

We are offering a morning to explore our grief through conversation, readings and crafting together. Talking to others who have been through similar experiences can be helpful, or just knowing that someone is there to listen. For more information and to book this free workshop please contact Claire Roberts on 01580 754374 or email claireecr57@yahoo.com

Fun Chicago Bridge Afternoon

in aid of St Nicholas Church

Wednesday 19th March

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

1.40 for 2pm start; play will finish at 5pm

Tea, delicious cakes prizes and a raffle. Tables of four £24.

Please bring your own bridge cloth, cards, pencils and bidding boxes, if you have them.

To book tables or for further information please contact:

Anne Tylden-Wright Tel: 01580 850281 Email: tyldenwright@gmail.com

Memorial Hall Vacancies:

Bookings: We are still looking for a replacement for Jackie Liffen who has looked after the hall's bookings for a very long time. The post is to take bookings and place them on the website, send out invoices quarterly and act as Treasurer for the Memorial Hall.

Maintenance: In addition, we are looking for a replacement for Colin Hayman, who has done a good job over the last few years looking after the maintenance of the Memorial Hall. This is will be an ad hoc job rather than being committed to hours every week. It will require having items which require action being carried out either personally or arranging a contractor to carry out the work in conjunction with the Treasurer. Please speak to David Collard if you may be interested in either of these roles.



Lent Course 2025

A Pilgrimage through Prayer

This year's Lent course uses the theme of Pilgrimage to help us explore different aspects of prayer to hopefully gain a sense of travelling together, enriching our own prayer life along the way.

During the course we will often be referring to one of the best known pilgrim routes in Europe, the Camino de Santiago de Compostela.

The Camino has a long history with many different starting points and many different routes, but all leading to the same destination.

We would love to journey with you as we discover new and different ways of praying or to enhance our own personal prayer practices & habits.

The course begins on Wednesday 12th March for 5 weeks and will be held at the Mission Church, Back Road, Sandhurst from 7.30pm.

Refreshments will be available.
Buen Camino!

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