

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 3rd April

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Passiontide Begins

Collect: Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 3rd April – The Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passiontide Begins

Readings: Philippians 3.4b-14, John 12.1-8

8 am HOLY COMMUNION
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am ALL AGE COMMUNION
led by Revd David Commander

*Hymns: 588 And can it be
145 It is a thing most wonderful
763 Praise to the holiest
818 To God be the glory*

5 pm CHORAL EVENSONG
led by David Harmsworth
Psalm 35. Readings: 2 Chronicles 35.1-6 & 10-16, Luke 22.1-13

*Hymns: 139 Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended?
142 Glory be to Jesus
157i When I survey the wondrous cross (v5 unison)*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 4 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	St George's APCM at the Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5 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 6 th	7.30 pm	Lent Course at Benenden Memorial Hall (<i>Week 5 of 5</i>)
	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Coffee Morning at the Memorial Hall
Thursday 7 th	10 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
	7 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 8 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's

Sunday Next: 10th April – Palm Sunday

Readings: Psalm 118.1-2 & 19-end, Luke 19.28-40

8 am 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd David Commander
followed by breakfast at the Memorial Hall

9.50 Process to St George's from the Memorial Hall

10 am MORNING WORSHIP
led by Revd David Commander & Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

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Philippians 3.4b-14

⁴even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Pressing towards the Goal

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

John 12.1-8

Mary Anoints Jesus

¹²Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Funerals and prayers:

Following their services in Benenden and Sandhurst last week, please continue to hold

t/l Peter Hopkisson,

t/l Tom Pugh,

t/l Elsie Matthey and their loved ones in your prayers:

We also hold t/l Terence Weatherley and his loved ones our prayers. Terry's interment is at St Nicholas this coming Tuesday, 5th April.

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

Holy Week & Easter Services - St George's

Palm Sunday to Easter Day

Please do join us as we journey together this week.

	8am	1662 BCP Holy Communion at St George's led by Revd David <i>followed by breakfast at the Memorial Hall – all welcome</i>
	9.50am	Process to St George's from the Memorial Hall
	10am	Morning Worship at St George's led by Revd David & Revd Ylva
Monday of Holy Week, 11 th April	7.30pm	Compline at the Mission Church led by Lyn Hayes
Tuesday of Holy Week, 12 th April	7.30pm	Compline at St George's led by Revd Ylva
Wednesday of Holy Week, 13 th April	7.30pm	Compline at the Mission Church led by Vicki Young
	7.30pm	Holy Communion at St George's led by Revd Rosemary & Revd David
	10am	An Hour at the Cross at St George's led by Revd Ylva
Easter Eve Saturday 16 th April	7.30pm	Compline at St George's led by Revd David
Easter Day 	5.45am	Sunrise Service at St Nicholas led by Lyn Hayes & Revd David <i>followed by breakfast at the Mission Church – all welcome</i>
	8am	Holy Communion at St George's led by Revd Ylva
	10am	Sung Eucharist at St George's led by Revd David & Vicki Young

Help please: Tracy remains in hospital on a respiratory ward, trying to build up his strength in order to face an operation, but is at least out of ICU. Deborah is visiting him every day. The very last thing Tracy needs right now is to contract Covid, so Deborah is testing before visiting. As you know, free LFT's are now at an end for the majority of people. To protect Tracy, Deborah wants to continue testing. If you have any spare LFT kits that you would be happy to donate, could you please let me have them and I will pass them on to Deborah. Thank you. Revd David.

Churchyard: The snowdrops which have recently greeted us when we entered the church are over and there is now no hint of the glorious display of spring flowers elsewhere in the churchyard. The rear cover of the April Parish Magazine shows only a small part. You will not be disappointed if you take 5 minutes after the service to stroll through the lower part of the churchyard. Dick Hill.

St George's APCM - TOMORROW - Monday 4th April 7.30 pm at the Memorial Hall

On the evening of Maundy Thursday we remember the Supper which Jesus ate with his friends, on the last night of his earthly life, before his betrayal and death. The meal they shared was the traditional Jewish Passover, when families and friends met together (as devout Jews still do) to remember the deliverance of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. It was at this meal that Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, showing them once again the love and humility which were at the core of all his teaching. Then he took the bread and wine which were a part of the Passover meal, blessed them and gave them to his friends, commanding them to remember him each time they met together to break bread and drink wine. The bread and wine were to take on a very special significance, representing for them his body and his blood, and his presence with them, giving spiritual nourishment until the time that he would come again. This is what Christ's followers have done ever since, week by week in the celebration of Holy Communion (the Eucharist, the Lord's Supper), when we share bread and wine, and remember Jesus' presence among us.

We shall meet in St George's Church on 14th April for our service of Holy Communion, in which we remember with deep thanksgiving the events of that last night of Jesus' life, and the gift he left us in the Last Supper. Revd Rosemary

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