

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> February - The Fourth Sunday before Lent

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

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

**10 am**            **ALL AGE COMMUNION & BAPTISM OF MIRABELLE COX**

led by Revd David Commander

***We welcome Mirabelle and her family and friends  
to St George's this morning***

*Hymns:*    676            *Immortal, invisible*  
              696            *Jesus, where'er thy people meet*  
              729            *My God, how wonderful thou art*  
              (HC) 594      *Be still, my soul*  
              588            *And can it be*

**5 pm**            **CHORAL EVENSONG** led by David Harmsworth

*Readings: Hosea 1, Colossians 3.1-22. Psalm 2*

*Hymns:*    486            *Christ is the king!*  
              820            *When all thy mercies (omit v4)*  
              475            *Forth in the peace of Christ we go*

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	11 am	Funeral of t/l Adrian Penny at St George's
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	8 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Coffee Morning at the Memorial Hall
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	11 am	Memorial Service t/l Lesley Attwood at St George's

### Sunday Next: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February – The Third Sunday before Lent

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

**8 am**            **1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION** led by Revd David Commander

**10 am**            **MORNING WORSHIP** led by Richard & Sue Fisher

**Readings: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February – The Fourth Sunday before Lent**

**1 Corinthians 15.1-11**

***The Resurrection of Christ***

<sup>15</sup>Now 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, <sup>2</sup>through 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.

<sup>3</sup>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, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But 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. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

**Luke 5.1-11**

***Jesus Calls the First Disciples***

<sup>5</sup>Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup>he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He 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. <sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' <sup>5</sup>Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' <sup>6</sup>When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup>So 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. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup>and 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.' <sup>11</sup>When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

**Funerals and prayers:**

We have a number of funerals coming up in the next few weeks.

Please hold these people and their families in your prayers:

t/l **Adrian Penny**; Funeral: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 11am at St George's

t/l **Ken Slater**; Funeral: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 12pm at Sandhurst Baptist Church. The service is to be live-streamed; the Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83623934150?pwd=a0JtV1VqS3F4UEQ4Qk5ldJkMkdWUT09>

Meeting ID: 836 2393 4150 Passcode: 092944

t/l **Tom Pugh**; Funeral: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2pm at St Nicholas

t/l **Lesley Attwood**; Thanksgiving Service: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 11am, at St George's, followed by refreshments at the back of church and the interment.

t/l **Penny Crawford**; Funeral: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 12pm at St George's

t/l **John Hare**; Funeral: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 11.30am at St George's

t/l **Marie Orson**; Funeral: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 11.30am at St George's

t/l **Colin Morrison**; Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February: Burial circa 12.15pm at St George's. (The funeral service is to take place at St Andrew's, Tenterden earlier in the day.)

We continue to hold Charles, Richard and Henry Trollope in our prayers, following the passing of dear Heather.

**Palm Crosses:** Can you please let me have your old palm crosses back, ready for creating the ashes for the Ash Wednesday service on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. (The service is at 7.30pm at St George's Church.) There will be a basket at the back of the church. Please let me have your old palm crosses by Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you. Revd David

**Revd David - Sabbatical:** The Diocese have granted me a three-month sabbatical this year. A sabbatical is a time of being able to step off the treadmill of parish ministry long enough to be renewed and refreshed. For me, it is simply a time of renewal, and a time of reconnecting with God. "It's stepping completely out of the current ministry situation and freed to embark on a holy trek!" And that is exactly what I have planned - a holy trek! Combining a love of the outdoors, walking, and Celtic spirituality. It will involve retreat times in the Christian communities on Iona and at Lindisfarne; and walking the Great Glen Way, the St Cuthbert's Way and the North Berwickshire Coastal Path. In addition, it will include some time out in spiritual spaces in the Orkneys and the Outer Hebrides.

In my preparation for the sabbatical, I have been doing some reading; one piece that I read said, "The very nature of being an effective pastor (priest) involves continual spiritual growth": I have been aware that has not been happening. The prospect is very exciting; and I am so grateful for the forthcoming opportunity. I will be taking the sabbatical in July, August and September this year. During that period, the parish will be well supported by the members of the Ministry Leadership Team and the Churchwardens; and I am very grateful for their support. I am trusting that this will be a time of renewal and encouragement for all of us. Helen will be with me some of the time, and also with our family; but will continue to lead the Toddler Groups in both parishes. Your prayers for this time for Helen and I, and for the parishes would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to know more, just ask! Revd David

### Covid guidelines in public worship

You will be aware of the latest relaxing of the Covid guidelines by the Government. This is the line we are taking at St George's:

**Hands:** Please sanitise on entry and exit

**Face:** Face coverings are optional once again.

***It's about looking after one another and being respectful.***

**Space:** Respect others; create space; make use of the whole church

**NHS Track & Trace:** Please use the QR Code or Register.

**Congregational Singing - will still take place. The "Safe zone" will continue to be made available, when possible, on south side of church.**

**Communion: distribution will continue by "simultaneous administration" (ie intinction of the wafer immediately before distribution.) Refreshments will be served after the 10 o'clock service - please take your refreshments sitting down, as you would if you were in a cafe.**

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