

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 6th March

The First Sunday of Lent

Collect: O Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Sunday: 6th March – The First Sunday of Lent

Readings: Romans 10.8b-13, Luke 4.1-13

8 am	HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
10 am	ALL AGE COMMUNION led by Revd David Commander <i>Hymns:</i> 116 Be thou my guardian and my guide 117 Lord Jesus, think on me 128 Jesu, lover of my soul 646 God is working his purpose out
5 pm	CHORAL EVENSONG led by David Harmsworth <i>Psalms 119.73-88. Readings: Jonah 3, Luke 18.9-14</i> <i>Hymns:</i> 132 O for a heart to praise my god 755 Oft in danger, oft in woe 702 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 7 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	10.30 am	20:20 Meeting with CES at St George's
	3 pm	20:20 Meeting with John Bailey
	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Bellringing - learners' practice
Tuesday 8 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	6.30 – 7.30	Bellringing – simulator practice
	7.30 pm	Lent Course at Benenden Memorial Hall (<i>Week 1 of 5</i>)
Wednesday 9 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Coffee Morning at the Memorial Hall
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday 10 th	10 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
	4.30 – 5.30 pm	Bellringing – simulator practice
Friday 11 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	9 am	Bellringing – simulator practice
	3 pm	Funeral of t/l Catharina Conway-Lemmens at St George's

Sunday Next: Sunday 13th March – The Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Philippians 3.17-4.1, Luke 13.31-end

8 am **1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION**
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am **MORNING WORSHIP**
led by Revd David Commander

Readings: Sunday 6th March – the First Sunday of Lent**Romans 10.8b-13**

8But what does it say?

'The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. 11The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' 12For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. 13For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Luke 4.1-13***The Temptation of Jesus***

4Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' 4Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." '

5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' 8Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." '

9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you",

11and

"On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

12Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' 13When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Benenden & Sandhurst Home Groups: During Lent, in place of the usual Monday and Tuesday Home Group meetings, both groups are attending our Lent Course - Tuesdays 7.30pm in Benenden Memorial Hall, starting 8th March. Full details below.

Funerals and prayers:

Please hold the following people and their loved ones in your prayers:

t/l **Colin Baxter-Hodd**: Interment, Friday 11th March, 11am at St Nicholas

t/l **Catharina Conway-Lemmens**: Funeral, Friday 11th March, 3pm at St George's

t/l **Tom Pugh**: Interment: Monday 28th March, 2.30pm at St Nicholas

t/l **Elsie Matthey**: Funeral: Tuesday 29th March, 12.30pm at St George's

We also hold in our prayers t/l **Terence Weatherley of Sandhurst**, his wife Anita, daughter Julie and all family and friends.

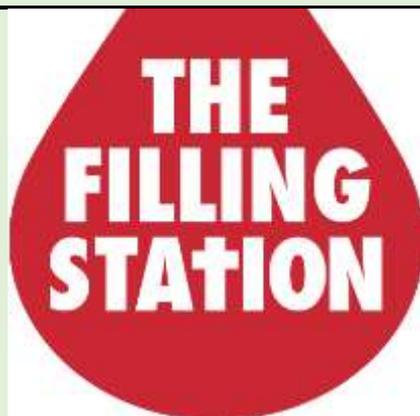
"Be Still" Lent Course

Our Lent Course this year is face-to-face once again. It is a 5 week course beginning on **Tuesday 8th March at 7.30pm**, in the Memorial Hall, Benenden. Refreshments will be provided.

The course is based upon a 24-7 Prayer resource, "Be Still. A Simple Guide to Quiet Times", written by Brian Heasley.

It is about allowing ourselves, in all the busyness and distractions of life, to spend time with God; time listening *to* God, not just talking *at* Him in our prayer. I hope that this is something that will help all of us not only in Lent but will give us a discipline in our lives that enables us all to draw closer to God. The book is available to purchase on-line should you wish to, but it is not necessary for the course.

Each evening there will be a 10-15 minute video followed by time to discuss together the material and how we can each learn to "be still". Through the five weeks we will do this through the themes of: Encounter, Scripture, Wonder, Hiddenness and Mission. I hope you will be able to find time in your busyness to "be still" in our Lent Course. Revd David



The Central Weald Filling Station
scheduled to next meet

Wednesday 16th March

7 for 7.30 pm
at Benenden Primary School

St George's Electoral Roll: There is a currently a revision of the Church Electoral Roll which closes on Sunday 20th March. Anyone wishing to apply to join the Roll or be removed from it should contact David Collard at 7 Fuggles Court, Benenden, TN17 4EF or Tel 01580 241944 or email Julia.Collard@btinternet.com. There are application forms at the back of the church and, once completed, they can be left at the back of the church marked for the attention of David Collard. ***This year's APCM will be on Monday 4th April at 7.30 pm at Benenden Memorial Hall.***

"Colourstrings": A young children's music group will be using St George's Church for a concert on the afternoon of Sunday 20th March.

Summer Fete - in support of St. George's Church - Saturday 18th June 2022: We are putting out a plea for "cake pledges"! Could you bake a cake (or cakes) for the fete cake stall? If so, please would you contact Helen Jewsbury who is looking after this stall and let her know you are happy to provide a cake on the day. Helen's contact details are Tel 07938 004262.or email helen.jewsbury@talk21.com.

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