

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 10th April Palm Sunday

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 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 am **Process to St George's from the Memorial Hall**

10 am **MORNING WORSHIP**

led by Revd David Commander & Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

Hymns: 159 All glory, laud and honour (v1-5)
 811 Thou didst leave thy throne
 161i Ride on, ride on in majesty (v5 unison)
 147 My song is love unknown (omit v 4 and 6)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday of Holy Week	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Compline at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Lyn Hayes
Tuesday of Holy Week	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
	7.30 pm	Compline at St George's led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
Wednesday of Holy Week	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Coffee Morning at the Memorial Hall
	7.30 pm	Compline at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Vicki Young
Maundy Thursday	10 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
	11 am	Maundy Thursday service at Canterbury Cathedral
	7.30 pm	Holy Communion at St George's led by Revd David Commander & Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
Good Friday	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	10 am	An Hour at the Cross led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
Easter Eve	7.30 pm	Compline at St George's led by Revd David Commander

Sunday Next: 17th April – EASTER DAY

Readings: Acts 10.34-43, Luke 24.1-12

5.45 am **SUNRISE SERVICE AT ST NICHOLAS** led by Lyn Hayes & Revd David
Commander (*Readings: Romans 6.3-11, Matthew 28.1-10*)
followed by breakfast at the Mission Church – all welcome

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

10 am **SUNG EUCHARIST** led by Revd David Commander & Vicki Young

Psalm 118

A Song of Victory

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!
² Let Israel say,
‘His steadfast love endures for ever.’
¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.
²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
²³ This is the LORD’s doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.
²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!
²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
²⁷ The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.
²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.
²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Luke 19.28-40

Jesus’ Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying it?” just say this: “The Lord needs it.”’ ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ ³⁴They said, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,
‘Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!’
³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, order your disciples to stop.’ ⁴⁰He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.’

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

Tracy Claridge: Thank you for all the birthday cards received by Tracy and for the generosity of all the lateral flow tests for Deborah following last week's appeal. We don't need any more at the moment. 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.

Holy Week & Easter Services - St George's

Please do join us as we journey together this week.

Monday of Holy Week, 11th April	7.30pm	Compline at the Mission Church led by Lyn Hayes
Tuesday of Holy Week, 12th April	7.30pm	Compline at St George's led by Revd Ylva
Wednesday of Holy Week, 13th 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 16th April	7.30pm	Compline at St George's led by Revd David
	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

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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