

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 13th February The Third Sunday before Lent

Collect: Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 13th 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

*Hymns: 647 God moves in a mysterious way
 602 Blest are the pure in heart
 621i Dear Lord and Father of mankind (omit v3)
 812 Through all the changing scenes of life*

THE WEEK AHEAD

**Revd David will be on holiday starting Wednesday 16th February,
returning on Wednesday 23rd February.**

**Should you require the services of a priest during this time, please contact your
Churchwardens: David Collard Tel 241 944 Sue Fisher Tel 241 907**

Monday 14 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	12 noon	Funeral of t/l Penny Crawford at St George's <i>No Sandhurst Home Group this week</i>
Tuesday 15 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie <i>No Benenden Home Group this week</i>
Wednesday 16 th	10 am	Coffee Morning at the Memorial Hall
	7 pm	The 'Filling Station' at Benenden Primary School
Thursday 17 th	10 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
	7 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Saturday 19 th	11.30 am	Funeral of t/l John Hare at St George's

Sunday Next: 20th February – The Second Sunday before Lent

Readings: Revelation 4, Luke 8.22-25

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

10 am **SUNG EUCHARIST**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

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1 Corinthians 15.12-20

The Resurrection of the Dead

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Luke 6.17-26

Jesus Teaches and Heals

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Blessings and Woes

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ 'Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ 'But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ 'Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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 **Penny Crawford**; Funeral: Monday 14th February, 12pm at St George's

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

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

t/l **Colin Morrison**; Thursday 24th 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.)

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

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

There will be no Home Groups on Monday 14th or Tuesday 15th February. We resume next week: Monday 21st at Sandhurst Mission Church and Tuesday 22nd at David & Julia Collard's.

Palm Crosses: Can you please let me have your old palm crosses back, ready for creating the ashes for the Ash Wednesday service on 2nd 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 27th February. Thank you. Revd David



Central Weald Filling Station

**Wednesday 16th February - 7 pm
at Benenden Primary School
Speaker - *Bartholomew Gee***

Bart was born with a physical disability called arthrogyrosis and doctors said he would never walk, may never have the strength to be able to sit up and would have a bleak outlook to life. God however saw things differently! Bart travels sharing his testimony of how when you pray, limits are broken, and miracles happen!

Have a look at Bart's website – breakinglimits.co.uk, and let's come with faith and hear his story, asking God what limits he might break for us, or what miracles he might work in our lives, and for those around us.

Wes & Faye Hinsley, Tel 01580 715483 centralweald@thefillingstation.org.uk

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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