

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March The Third Sunday of Lent

**Collect:** Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 20<sup>th</sup> March – The Third Sunday of Lent

*Readings: 1 Corinthians 10.1-13, Luke 13.1-9*

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

**10 am**            **SUNG EUCHARIST** led by Revd David Commander

*Hymns:*    813            Through the night of doubt and sorrow (v 1-6)  
              358            Be still, for the presence of the Lord  
              430i           Bread of heaven  
              706            Let us, with a gladsome mind, praise the Lord

1.30 pm        'Colourstrings': Children's concert at St George's

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Bellringing - learners' practice
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group – <b>at the Rectory (this week only)</b>
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Bellringing – simulator practice
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30 pm	Lent Course at Benenden Memorial Hall ( <i>Week 3 of 5</i> )
	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Coffee Morning at the Memorial Hall
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
	4.30 – 5.30 pm	Bellringing – simulator practice
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	9 am	Bellringing – simulator practice
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm	Grand Benenden Charity Auction in Aid of St George's

### Sunday Next: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday – The Fourth Sunday of Lent

*Readings: 2 Corinthians 1.3-7, Luke 2.33-35*

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

**10 am**            **MOTHERING SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE**  
led by Vicki Young

**Readings: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March – The Third Sunday of Lent**

**1 Corinthians 10.1-13**

***Warnings from Israel's History***

<sup>10</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

**Luke 13.1-9**

***Repent or Perish***

<sup>13</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?' <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?' <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

***The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree***

<sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" <sup>8</sup>He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

**Funerals and prayers:**

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

t/l **Peter Hopkisson**: Funeral Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 12.30pm at St George's

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

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

**Benenden & Sandhurst Home Groups:** During Lent the Tuesday Benenden group is attending our Lent course, details below. ***The Sandhurst Group will meet on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30 pm, but - for this week only- at the Rectory in Benenden.***

## Ukraine: What can I do?

You are probably feeling helpless about the situation in the Ukraine; but you can pray. Here are two prayers, one for world peace, and one for the Ukraine. We profess to believe in the power of prayer....so please pray. If you want to do something that feels more practical, then here are some options:

- Support, financial, the charities under the Disaster Emergency Committee, DEC. Their website can be found at [www.dec.org.uk](http://www.dec.org.uk)
- The CoE have just released a Ukrainian "toolkit"; here you will find links to other ways of helping. The toolkit pdf can be accessed at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2022-03/Ukraine%20toolkit%20for%20Churches%20and%20Individuals%20CofE%20v2-160322.pdf>
- Canterbury Diocese are expecting Ukrainian families arriving in Kent via the Ukraine Family Scheme route in the coming days and weeks. This scheme allows family members of British nationals, UK settled persons and certain others to come to or stay in the UK. The Diocese will be registering offers of support from churches and members of congregations who would like to be involved in welcoming them. Specifically, they would like to hear from those who:
  - are Ukrainian/English speakers
  - have teaching experience
  - work as coaches or can help with employment links
  - have a working knowledge of the benefit system
  - are interested in befriending
  - are interested in providing homework support
  - can help sourcing emergency supplies

Do you feel you can help in any of these ways? If so, please get in touch; letting me know your contact details and how you think you might be able to help. I will coordinate this, and pass the information on to the Diocese.

In the meantime..... Pray, please.

### **Prayer for the Peace of the World**

Almighty God,  
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:  
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace  
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom  
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth  
that in tranquility your kingdom may go forward,  
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;  
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.  
Amen.

### **A prayer for Ukraine**

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion  
to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen.

**ST GEORGE'S CHURCH,  
BENENDEN**

**Mothing Sunday**



**Family Service**

**27<sup>th</sup> March at 10 am**

**Grand Benenden Charity Auction**

*of*  
**Antiques and Objets de Vertu**

*Saturday 26 March 2022 at 7.00 pm*  
*in Benenden Village Hall*

St George's Church warmly invites you to a fun evening  
with our own TV celebrity auction expert

**Raj Bisram**



**Tickets: £15 per head**  
include a light supper

**Pay Bar Live Music Raffle**

Please note that all items are donated and all profits will go to  
St George's Church, here in Benenden.

**To reserve a place or donate an item for auction  
please contact:**

**Sally Ann Marks** [sallymarks100@hotmail.com](mailto:sallymarks100@hotmail.com)  
01580 243141 or 07990 585753

The Auction Lots can be viewed in the Village Hall on  
Saturday 26 March between 2.30 and 4.30 pm  
when bids may be left with the organisers.

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