

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 27th February The Sunday next before Lent

Collect: Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 27th February – The Sunday next before Lent

Readings (REVISED 26 02 22): 1 Timothy 2.1-6, John 15.9-17

8 am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander

10 am MORNING WORSHIP & BAPTISM OF MARLEY SCULLEY

led by Revd David Commander

We welcome Marley and his family and friends to St George's this morning.

<i>Hymns:</i>	610	<i>Christ is the world's true light</i>
	2	<i>Christ, whose glory fill the skies</i>
	281	<i>'Tis good, Lord, to be here</i>
	766	<i>Praise, my soul, the king of heaven</i>

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 28 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 1 st	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
	11.30 am	Worship Group meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church
	8 pm	Home Group at Tim & Diane Bentley's
Ash Wednesday 2 nd	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	9 am	BPS Y6 Ashing Service at St George's
	10 am	Coffee Morning at the Memorial Hall
	7.30 pm	ASHING SERVICE: Holy Communion at St Georges led by Revd David Commander <i>Readings: 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10, John 8.1-11</i>
Thursday 3 rd	10 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
	7 pm	Choir practice at St George's
Friday 4 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
Saturday 5 th	9.30 to 12 noon	St George's Churchyard Working Party
	4 pm	'Connect Four' at Sandhurst Mission Church

Sunday Next: 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

5 pm CHORAL EVENSONG led by David Harmsworth
Psalms 119.73-88. Readings: Jonah 3, Luke 18.9-14

REVISED Readings: Sunday 27th February

1 Tim 2.1-6

Instructions concerning Prayer

^{2.1} First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time.

John 15.9-17

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Funerals and prayers:

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

t/l **Catherina Conway**, Funeral, Friday 11th March, 3pm at St George's

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

Following their funerals over the last week, we continue to hold t/l **John Hare**, t/l **Marie Orson** and t/l **Colin Morrison**; and their loved ones, in our prayers.

Home Group – Tuesday 1st March: PLEASE NOTE: This week we meet at Tim and Diane Bentley's home Maple Leaf Cottage, Mill Street, Iden Green. This will be a Pancake Party.

ASHING SERVICE AT ST GEORGE'S

Holy Communion

Ash Wednesday, 2nd March at 7.30pm

"Be Still" Lent Course: Our Lent Course this year will be face-to-face once again. It is being held on a **Tuesday evening, 7.30pm**, in the Memorial Hall, Benenden. Refreshments will be provided.

The five week course begins on Tuesday 8th March (through to the 5th April), and 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

Churchyard Working Party: On Saturday 5th March we are restarting our regular Churchyard working parties. If you would like to spend an hour or so in the fresh air helping to maintain our beautiful Churchyard you would be very welcome. We can provide tools, but sturdy shoes and gloves are advisable. Refreshments also provided. Dick Hill

"Connect Four": We are trying something new to engage with families in the benefice: connecting together with one another, and connecting with God. We are doing it at 4pm (hence "Connect Four") on the 1st Saturday of the month in the Mission Church, Sandhurst. It will be very relaxed; refreshments available all the time; a Bible story, a simple talk, a craft, a discussion time, and some worship and prayer. Come along; give it a try; connect with other families and children. The first one is on **Saturday 5th March at 4pm**. Spread the word..... invite a family to come along and try it. Revd David

St George's Electoral Roll: There will be a revision of the Church Electoral Roll. The Roll will open on Sunday 27th February and close 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.***

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.



– TODAY – see overleaf!

Walk Church



celebrating God outdoors

Walk Church - Sunday 27th February 2022

St. Mary's Lenham, ME17 2PJ

Walk 2pm

History talk about Lenham Church 1:30pm

This February meeting will be centered on St Mary's, Lenham. From the church we will walk up onto the downs, and partly along the Pilgrims Way. Once on the Downs there are some spectacular views both across the Weald, but also on the other side and looking towards the Thames estuary. The walk is not without its challenges, there are a couple of long stretches across large fields of mono-culture, and a freshly ploughed field which will be muddy if it has rained.

At 1.30pm, prior to the walk, the church archivist will offer those who want to come early a brief description of Lenham church; parts of which date from the 9th century.

More information from Revd Alex Bienfait:

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