

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 27th March

Mothering Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Collect: God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 27th 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

Hymns: 136 *Fathers and mothers*
 704 *Let all the world in every corner sing*
 137 *God of Eve and God of Mary*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 28 th	9 am – 12 noon	Benenden School rehearsal
	12.30 pm	Funeral of t/l Peter Hopkisson at St George's
	7.30 pm	Benenden PCC Meeting
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 29 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	12.30 am	Funeral of t/l Elsie Matthey at St George's
Wednesday 30 th	7.30 pm	Lent Course at Benenden Memorial Hall (<i>Week 4 of 5</i>)
	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Coffee Morning at the Memorial Hall
Thursday 31 st	7.30 – 9 pm	Weekly Bell-ringing practice at St George's
	10 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
	7 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 1 st	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
Saturday 2 nd	2.30 pm	BPS 'Palm Sunday' Service at St George's
	9.30 - noon	St George's Churchyard Working Party
	4 pm	'Connect 4' at Sandhurst Mission Church

For full details re learners' & simulator bell-ringing practice please see list below.

Sunday 3rd April – The Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passiontide Begins

Readings: Philippians 3.4b-14, John 12.1-8

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 Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

Psalm 35. Readings: 2 Chronicles 35.1-6 & 10-16, Luke 22.1-13

Readings: Sunday 27th March – Mothering Sunday

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Paul's Thanksgiving after Affliction

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. ⁷Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Luke 2.33-35

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Funerals and prayers:

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

t/l **Peter Hopkisson**: Funeral Monday 28th March, 12.30pm 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

Benenden & Sandhurst Home Groups: During Lent the Tuesday Benenden group is attending our Lent course.

St George's Churchyard Working Party: Next Saturday, 2nd April, from 9.30 am to 12 noon.

Please do join us if you are able. Dick Hill

Weekly Bell-ringing Practice at St George's

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

**St George's APCM
Monday 4th April - 7.30 pm
at the Memorial Hall**

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

- 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

27th March at 10 am

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