

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October All Saints' Day

**Collect:** Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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 next: 31<sup>st</sup> October – All Saints' Day

*Readings: Revelation 21.1-6a, John 11.32-44*

<b>8 am</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS</b> led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
<b>10 am</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S</b> led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & David Harmsworth
	<i>Hymns:</i> 296 <i>For all the saints</i> 602 <i>Blest are the pure in heart</i> 683 <i>Jerusalem the golden</i> 300 <i>Glory to you, O God</i>

### THE WEEK AHEAD

**Revd David is on holiday returning on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**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 1 <sup>st</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
<b>All Souls' Day</b>	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>ALL SOULS' SERVICE AT ST GEORGES</b> led by Revd David Commander & Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen. <b>Refreshments in church from 7pm</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	7 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 11.30 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
	2 pm	Thanksgiving Service: t/l Alan Pickett
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's

### Sunday Next: 7<sup>th</sup> November – The Third Sunday before Advent

*Readings: Hebrews 9.24-end, Mark 1.14-20*

<b>8 am</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S</b> led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
<b>10 am</b>	<b>ALL AGE COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S</b> led by Revd David Commander

**Readings: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October – All Saints' Day**

**Revelation 21.1-6a**

**The New Heaven and the New Earth**

<sup>21</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.'

<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

**John 11.32-44**

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

**Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life**

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

***Commemoration of All Souls***

**Service at St George's**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**at 7.30pm**

led by Revd David & Revd Rosemary

*fellowship and refreshments in church from 7pm*

## **Church Services from November – some changes:**

We are returning to an 8 o'clock and a 10 o'clock service every Sunday at St George's:

- The 8 o'clock service will be Communion every week.  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month will be a 1662 BCP Communion.
- The 10 o'clock service will alternate between Communion and Morning Worship every other week.  
The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month will be a Sung Eucharist service.

The pattern is skewed in November by 14<sup>th</sup> November being Remembrance Sunday. The Remembrance service will start at 10.45am.

In January we will reintroduce Choral Evensong - 5pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

The midweek Communion service continues at 10 o'clock on a Tuesday morning at the Mission Church in Sandhurst.

If you have any questions, please speak to Revd David or one of the Churchwardens: Sue Fisher or David Collard.

# **Christmas Mini Market at the Mission Church**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November  
10am – 12.30pm**



**Stalls include produce, cakes, Christmas goodies,  
Christmas cards, jewellery, presents.  
Refreshments.**

**This year, instead of a Grand Draw, we will have a  
TOMBOLA (the £200 cash prize draw will be spent on  
spirits, wine and prizes.)**

*Donations of cakes, bric a brac and prizes would be most welcome. ATW*

## Home Groups in Benenden and Sandhurst:

**The Home Group at the Mission Church, Sandhurst is now on a Monday evening.** This term we are looking at some of the Psalms together. This is a social time, chatting with a tea/coffee, and then talking about a bit of scripture and how it might apply to us today. **Please join us at 7.30pm on Mondays at the Mission Church, Sandhurst.** Revd David

**The Tuesday Home Group meets at Julia & David Collard's, 7 Fuggles Court, Benenden at 8pm.** For more information, please contact David Collard 01580 241944 (*no meeting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November due to the All Souls' service*).

**A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Alan Pickett will take place at St George's on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm. All are invited to attend.**

**More books from Dick Dengate:** Some of you will no doubt be aware that the Revd Dick Dengate has already had books published. Indeed, you may already own one or more of them. However, he has recently produced two more books – 'A Sundry Array of Pictures. Thoughts and Songs' (Reflecting a life of Farming, Family and Faith) and also 'Around the World with Irene' (A million shared memories from journeys around the world with my wife). The latter is a collection of photographs. These are available to purchase at a cost of £7.50 each. Dick would be happy to donate £2.50 of this to the church. The remainder will go towards the cost of the initial printing. If you would like to buy a copy of one or both of these please contact Katherine O'Neil – 01580 850159.

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