

St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst

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

Our Worship: Sunday 6th March The First Sunday of Lent

Collect: O Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Sunday 6th March – The First Sunday of Lent

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| 8 am | 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS
<i>Readings (revised): 1 Timothy 2:1-6 and John 15:9-17</i>
led by Revd David Commander |
| 10 am | ALL AGE COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S
<i>Readings: Romans 10.8b-13, Luke 4.1-13</i>
led by Revd David Commander |
| 5 pm | CHORAL EVENSONG AT ST GEORGE'S
<i>Psalm 119.73-88. Readings: Jonah 3, Luke 18.9- 14</i>
led by David Harmsworth |

THE WEEK AHEAD

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| Monday 7 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at St George's |
| Tuesday 8 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at the Mission Church |
| | 10 am | Holy Communion at the Mission Church
led by Revd David Commander |
| | 7.30 pm | Lent Course at Benenden Memorial Hall (<i>Week 1 of 5</i>) |
| Wednesday 9 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at the Mission Church |
| | 9 – 11 am | Drop in Café & Toddler Group at the Mission Church |
| Thursday 10 th | 10 am | Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's |
| Friday 11 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at St George's |
| | 11 am | Interment of t/l Colin Baxter-Hodd at St Nicholas |

Next: Sunday 13th March – The Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Philippians 3.17-4.1, Luke 13.31-end

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| 8 am | 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen |
| 10 am | HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS
led by Lyn Hayes & Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen |

Readings (revised): St Nicholas – Sunday 6th March – PEACE

1 Timothy 2.1-6

Instructions concerning Prayer

²1 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 **Colin Baxter-Hodd**: Interment, Friday 11th March, 11am at St Nicholas

t/l **Catharina Conway-Lemmens**: Funeral, Friday 11th March, 3pm 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

We also hold in our prayers t/l **Terence Weatherley**, his wife Anita, daughter Julie and all family and friends.

Benenden & Sandhurst Home Groups: During Lent, in place of the usual Monday and Tuesday Home Group meetings, both groups are attending our Lent Course - Tuesdays 7.30pm in Benenden Memorial Hall, starting 8th March. Full details below.

"Be Still" Lent Course

Our Lent Course this year is face-to-face once again. It is a 5 week course beginning on **Tuesday 8th March at 7.30pm**, in the Memorial Hall, Benenden. Refreshments will be provided.

The course 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



The Central Weald Filling Station
is scheduled to next meet

Wednesday 16th March

7 for 7.30 pm
at Benenden Primary School

Drop in Toddler Group

All welcome

Every Wednesday in term time
at the Mission Church, Back Road, Sandhurst
from 9 to 11 am

(We don't charge but a £1 per family donation would be appreciated)

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