St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 15th November
The Second Sunday before Advent

Collect: Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 15th November – The Second Sunday before Advent
Readings 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 & Matthew 25.14-30

8 am	**HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S**		
	led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen		
10 am	**SUNG EUCHARIST AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL**		
	led by Revd David Commander & Sarah Emanuel		
	Hymns:	*795*	*The kingdom is upon you!*
		57	*Ye servants of the Lord*
		358	*Be still for the presence of the Lord*
		646	*God is working his purpose out*
12.30 – 5 pm	**'Come and See!' at St George's**		

THE WEEK AHEAD

All week - Moving back into St George's

Monday 16th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group *at the Rectory*
Tuesday 17th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	7.30 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 18th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 – 9. 15 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 19th	7 – 8 pm	Choir Practice at Iden Green Congregational Church
Friday 20th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing – Quarter Peal Attempt at St George's
Saturday 21st	**10 am – 1 pm**	**St Nicholas Church Christmas Market at the Old School Hall, Sandhurst**

Sunday Next: 22nd November – Christ the King
Readings: Ephesians 1.15-end, Matthew 25.31-end

8 am	**HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S**
	led by Revd David Commander
10 am	**MORNING WORSHIP AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL**
	led by Revd David Commander

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1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

5Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to
you. 2For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3When they
say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a
pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise
you like a thief; 5for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.
6So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; 7for those who sleep sleep at
night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on
the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9For God has destined us not for wrath
but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10who died for us, so that whether we are awake or
asleep we may live with him. 11Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are

Matthew 25.14-30

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15to one
he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16The
one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17In
the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18But the one who had received the one
talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19After a long time the master of those
slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20Then the one who had received the five talents came forward,
bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more
talents." 21His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few
things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 22And the one with the two
talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more
talents." 23His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few
things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 24Then the one who had received
the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not
sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground.
Here you have what is yours." 26But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I
reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27Then you ought to have invested my money with
the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28So take the talent from
him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have
an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30As for this worthless
slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Home Groups:
Sandhurst: Meets on Mondays at 7.30 pm. **NB This Monday, 16th November, we meet at the Rectory.**
Benenden: **We meet this week - Tuesday 17th November** - at David & Julia Collard's

"Come and See!"

OPEN DAY at St George's Church

Sunday 15th November

12.30 to 5 pm.

CATCHING LIVES CHARITY PERFORMANCE

There will be a performance of Handel's Messiah
in aid of the charity Catching Lives
TODAY, Sunday November 15th at 6.30pm in St Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook.
Entry by donation (£12 + suggested) at the door.

Dame Jane Whiteley is giving a concert in St Mildred's Church, Tenterden, starting at 2.30pm on Wednesday 18th November. It will feature works by Mozart, Schubert, Faure and Chopin. Tickets at £5, from Webbs or on the door, include tea and cakes. Richard Fisher

Called to Serve: *"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." (Matthew 9:37-38)*
There are many ways of serving in church to make all our services happen. In two weeks' time we will be moving back into St George's Church and worshipping together on Advent Sunday, 29th November. In order to worship together going forwards, and to reduce the load on those who are already serving, I am putting out a plea for people who might serve our church - by helping to clean the church - by being a Sidesperson, and welcoming people as they come into our services - by being a Sacristan (the role of setting up the sanctuary for Communion). All very different roles, but all important and necessary for the smooth running of our services. And the more people on these rotas, the less frequently any one person is on duty. (*"Many hands make light work".*)
What is your part in God's story? Prayer: *"Lord we ask, and dare to pray...Here I am, send me. Amen".* Please pray this prayer and respond as you feel called; and contact me or speak to me in church. I really look forward to hearing from you. Revd David

Advent Sunday - 29th November
OUR CHURCH RE-OPENS!
10 am Celebration service at St George's
5 pm Candle-lit Advent Carol at St George's



We welcome singers of all ages to join us in Benenden Church Choir.
We are a friendly group of capable singers who love singing, enjoy each other's company, value the wonderful repertoire of sacred music, and enhance worship with our music and voices. Sing for joy!
If you would like to sing with us, at Sunday morning services, Sunday Choral Evensong monthly services and alternate Thursday evening practices, or seasonally as part of a Festival Choir at Christmas and Easter, give me a call.
We are a relaxed group who will be happy to welcome you. Sarah 07866 352387

St George's Church Choir

We meet weekly between now and Christmas to practise as follows:

12th and 19th November at Iden Green Congregational Church

26th November and 3rd, 10th and 17th December at St George's



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