St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 22nd November
Christ the King

Collect: Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 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		
	Hymns:	*227*	*Crown him with many crowns*
		557	*Beauty for brokenness*
		164	*You are the King of glory*
		811	*Thou didst leave thy throne*

THE WEEK AHEAD

All week - Moving back into St George's

Monday 23rd	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Benenden PCC meeting at the Memorial Hall
Tuesday 24th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
Wednesday 25th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 – 9. 15 pm	Bellringing Practice at St Nicholas, Sandhurst (tbc)
Thursday 26th	7 – 8 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 27th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7 for 7.30 pm start	Friends of St George's Quiz at Benenden Village Hall

Sunday Next: 29th November – The First Sunday of Advent
Readings: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9, Mark 13.24-end

	No 8 am Service in the Benefice this Sunday
10 am	**BENEFICE CELEBRATION SERVICE AT ST GEORGE'S**
	led by Revd David Commander
5 pm	**BENEFICE ADVENT CAROL SERVICE AT ST GEORGE'S**
	led by Revd David Commander. *Archdeacon Estella Last will be joining us.*

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Ephesians 1.15-end

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason
16I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17I pray that the God of our
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to
know him, 18so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which
he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19and what is the
immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.
20God[b] put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right
hand in the heavenly places, 21far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above
every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22And he has put all things
under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23which is his body, the fullness
of him who fills all in all.

Matthew 25.31-end

31 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne
of his glory. 32All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33and he will put the sheep at his right hand and
the goats at the left. 34Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by
my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35for I was hungry
and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you
welcomed me, 36I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in
prison and you visited me." 37Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you
hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38And when was it that we saw
you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39And when was it that we saw
you sick or in prison and visited you?" 40And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did
it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." 41Then he will say to
those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil
and his angels; 42for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to
drink, 43I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick
and in prison and you did not visit me." 44Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw
you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" 45Then
he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not
do it to me." 46And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Home Groups:
Sandhurst: Meets on Mondays at 7.30 pm at the Mission Church.
Benenden: Usually meets on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm at David & Julia Collard's – *our next meeting date will be confirmed when known.*

St George's Open Weekend: Thank you to everyone who came along last weekend to have a look around St George's Church, to see the new floor, and to feel the warmth in church. And to enjoy the refreshments. (Thank you to everyone who supplied a cake for the weekend.) The raffle made £199:55 (thank you, Pippa), and "donations" for the refreshments made £227.45. - A little £427 bonus to the project fund!
This Sunday, 22nd November, is our last 10 o'clock service at Benenden Primary School, before we are back in St George's on Sunday 29th November. Thank you everyone for making the last 10 months of different worship work. Revd David

St George's Church Working Party: We are hoping to organise a working party on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th at St George's Church. - Cleaning and putting pew cushions and kneelers back in place etc. Any willing hands are most welcome to come along and help from 9.30 am. Revd David

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 Service 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 Practice
In the run up to Christmas we now meet weekly on Thursdays at 7 pm at St George's



Loss & Grief Cafe ~
Time to share & reflect

Saturday 5th December 10 am – 12 noon

@ the Mission Church, Back Road, Sandhurst TN18 5JU

Coming to terms with the loss of someone we love can feel overwhelming and deeply personal. Even when we know they are at peace, grief can bring many different emotions — sadness, loneliness, confusion, anger, or simply a sense of missing them deeply.

We warmly invite you to join us for a gentle and supportive morning where we can explore grief together through conversation, readings, and simple crafting activities. This will be a safe and welcoming space where you can talk, listen, reflect, or simply be alongside others who understand.

Sometimes it helps to share with people who have experienced loss themselves, and sometimes it is enough just to know that someone is there to listen.

For more information or to book your free place, please contact Lyn Hayes on: 07792 332904 or email: lindapin@aol.com

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