

# The Parish of St Nicholas, Sandhurst

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April

### The Fifth Sunday of Lent

### Passiontide Begins

**Collect:** Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.

**8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION**  
led by Revd David Commander

**10.00 am MORNING WORSHIP**  
led by Lyn Hayes

**Bible Readings:**  
*Philippians 3.4b-14*  
*John 12.1-8*

HYMNS	
422	Praise, my soul, the King of heaven
220	How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
289	Kum ba yah
128	Fight the good fight

**12.30 am Baptism of Alfie Bennett**

**2.00 pm Baptism of Camilla Oliphant-Morgan**

**5.00 pm CHORAL EVENSONG AT ST GEORGE'S** led by David Harmsworth  
*Readings: Psalm 35, 2 Chronicles 35.1-6 & 10-16, Luke 22.1-13*

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at the Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 pm	Lent Course at Benenden Memorial Hall
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Lent Course at the Mission Church
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	11.30 am	Churchwardens' meeting at the Rectory

#### **Sunday Next: 14<sup>th</sup> April – Palm Sunday**

*Bible Readings: Psalm 118.1-2 & 19-end, Luke 19.28-40*

**8.00 am 1662 BCP Holy Communion at St George's** led by Revd David Commander  
*followed by breakfast at Benenden Memorial Hall*

**9.50 am Palm Sunday procession to St Nicholas from the lower car park**

**10.00 am Eucharist** led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen & Vicki Young

**5.00 pm Evening Prayer at the Mission Church** led by David Harmsworth  
*Psalm 69.1-20. Bible readings: Isaiah 5.1-7m Luke 20.9-19*

## **READINGS: SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

### ***Philippians 3.4b-14***

<sup>4</sup>even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

<sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ,\* the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ\* and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

### ***Pressing towards the Goal***

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal;\* but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved,\* I do not consider that I have made it my own;\* but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly\* call of God in Christ Jesus.

### ***John 12.1-8***

#### ***Mary Anoints Jesus***

<sup>12</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them\* with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii\* and the money given to the poor?' <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it\* so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

**Home Groups:** The Tuesday Home Group meets at 8pm and during Lent meets at Benenden Memorial Hall. The Wednesday Home Group meets at 7.30pm at Sandhurst Mission Church. All are welcome to both Home Groups. Both groups are following the 5 week Lent course "Dust that dreams of glory".

**Lent 2019 - "Dust that dreams of glory".** Throughout Lent this course continues at 8pm on a Tuesday evening at Benenden Memorial Hall. It is repeated 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings in Sandhurst Mission Church. Once we reach Holy Week there is a service every day, leading us to the celebrations of Easter Sunday. Please pick up a leaflet with all the details.

**Mothering Sunday:** A big thank you to Sandhurst Primary School for the big box of daffodils left in St Nicholas for Mothering Sunday they were received with much pleasure.

## **Palm Sunday:**

All being well Lancelot (now 46) will be in the lower car park at about 9.50am on Palm Sunday to lead a procession to St Nicholas.



## **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

**8am 1662 BCP Holy Communion  
at St George's, Benenden  
led by Revd David Commander**

*followed by breakfast at Benenden  
Memorial Hall – all welcome*

**9.50am Lancelot leaves the lower  
car park to process to St  
Nicholas**

**10am Eucharist at St Nicholas  
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus  
van Wengen**

**5pm Evening Prayer at the  
Mission Church  
led by David Harmsworth**

## **Collingwood Grange Open Gardens Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019 The Grange, The Green, Benenden, Kent, TN17 4DN**

The Friends of Benenden Grange welcome you to attend the annual open gardens to view the breath-taking beauty of Cherry Ingram's gardens.

This year the newly published book, "Cherry Ingram: The English Saviour of Japan's Cherry Blossoms", written by Naoko Abe will be available to purchase.

*Please note that parking at The Grange will be limited to disabled access only and we request that visitors park in the village and access via the entrance on The Green.*

Suggested donation of £3 with refreshments available on the day.

All proceeds go to Friends of Benenden Grange to provide opportunities to enrich the lives of adults with learning disabilities.



## “Changing Lives Conversations”

Questions for us all to ponder:

1. How has your relationship with Jesus changed your life today?
2. How can I help you be a 7-day-a-week disciple?

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