

The Parish of St Nicholas, Sandhurst

Sunday 17th February

The Third Sunday before Lent

Collect: Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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:

1 Corinthians 15.12-20
Luke 6.17-26

HYMNS	
293	Lead us heavenly Father, lead us
490	The Lord's my shepherd
26	Alleluia, sing to Jesus
228	I danced in the morning

4.00 pm MESSY CHURCH AT ST GEORGE'S
led by Revd David Commander

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 18 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Tuesday 19 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at the Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
Wednesday 20 th	8.00 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
Friday 22 nd	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Saturday 23 rd	7.30 pm	Cranbrook Choral Society Concert at St George's

Sunday Next: 24th February – Second Sunday before Lent

Readings: Revelation 4, Luke 8.22-25

8.00 am Holy Communion at St George's led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am All Age Communion led by Revd David Commander

Readings: Sunday 17th February

1 Corinthians 15.12-20

The Resurrection of the Dead

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died⁺ in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.⁺

Luke 6.17-26

Jesus Teaches and Heals

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Blessings and Woes

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ 'Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you⁺ on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ 'But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ 'Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Home Groups: The Tuesday Home Group meets at 8pm at David and Julia Collard's home in Benenden. The Wednesday Home Group usually meets at 7.30pm at Sandhurst Mission Church but there is no meeting on Wednesday 20th (half term). We are back again on 27th February. All are welcome to both Home Groups.

Canterbury Choristers Concert: exactly two years ago we welcomed the choristers from Canterbury Cathedral to St Nicholas Church for the first time. Their return visit last Saturday proved equally successful. Their varied repertoire, under the direction of Dr David Flood, provided the 150 people who attended with an hour and a quarter of wonderful singing, not to mention the two organ solos by Spencer Payne. The evening

raised £2113, after expenses, for church funds and an exit bucket collected a further £336 specifically for the choristers, which when grossed up to take account of Gift Aid came to £420. This latter amount has been sent directly to Dr David Flood at Canterbury Cathedral. BH

A big thank you, Bob, to you and to all who worked so hard to make the Choristers' concert such a success.

Sandhurst Church Website: This is now under construction; we hope to go live at the beginning of April. If you have any photos of the church, churchyard and any services (baptisms, weddings, or other services) then please email them to me at revdavidcommander@gmail.com. And be on the lookout for opportunities to take photos, particularly of the church family. Thank you! Revd David.

Ash Wednesday - 6th March. There is an Ash Wednesday, for the benefice, at 7.30pm at St. George's Church. This marks the start of Lent and our important journey together through the whole of Lent and Holy Week to the joy of Easter Sunday. The Ash Wednesday service includes the Imposition of Ashes and Communion. In order to make the ashes, I need last year's Palm Crosses back to burn please. Please could you leave your Palm Crosses at the back of St. George's/St. Nicholas or at the Mission Church by Sunday 3rd March. Thank you. Revd David.

Electoral Roll 2019: Under the "Church Representation Rules 2017" we are required to completely renew the Electoral Roll every six years and 2019 is the year in which this happens. Statutory notices are posted in both churches and application forms are available in both churches. Regardless of whether you were on the previous Electoral Roll, you are required to complete a new application form, prior to 14th March 2019, if you wish to be included on the new roll. Completed application forms may be handed to the Electoral Roll Officer, Bob Houlden.

Exploring God's Calling: St Mary's Goudhurst is hosting a vocations exploration day with Joss Walker on Saturday 16th March from 10.30am to 3.30pm. This is for anyone who wants to explore what God might be calling them to, whether that is a formal ministry or something local and informal. More information on the leaflets in church or online on the booking page at bit.ly/Godcalling. Bookings may also be made via Becky Tel 01580 211739.



Cranbrook Choral Society Community Concert
in aid of
Hospice in the Weald

And The Friends of St George's Church

Saturday 23rd February 2019
at 7.30pm in
St George's Church, Benenden

Tickets £12 (£6 for students)
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