

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Sunday 9th December

Second Sunday of Advent

Collect: O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, world without end.

8.00 am 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am MORNING WORSHIP

led by Jacqueline Hewitt & Karen Booth-Clibborn

Bible Readings:
Philippians 1.3-11
Luke 3.1-6

HYMNS	
45	O come O come Emmanuel v1, 2, 4
38	Hark a thrilling voice is sounding
46	On Jordan's bank
51	The Lord will come

5.00 pm EVENING PRAYER AT SANDHURST MISSION CHURCH

led by Revd David Commander

Psalm 75. Readings: Isaiah 40.1-11, Luke 1.1-25

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 10 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	BPS Assembly
	1.30 pm	BPS Rehearsal
	6.30 pm	Carols in the Café
Tuesday 11 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	9.00 am	BPS Rehearsal
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
Wednesday 12 th	2.00 pm	BPS Nativity dress rehearsal
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	9.00 am	BPS rehearsal
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	2.00 pm	BPS Nativity
	8.00 pm	Home Group Social at David & Julia Collard's
Thursday 13 th	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing
	9.30-1.30 am	St Ronan's Rehearsal
Friday 14 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's
	3.00 pm	BPS Assembly
	5.00 pm	St Ronan's School Carol Service
	6.30 pm	Carol Singing at The Grange
	6.45 pm	Choir Practice

Sunday Next: 16th December – Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: Philippians 4.4-7, Luke 3.7-18

8.00 am Holy Communion led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10.00 am Sung Eucharist led by Revd David Commander

Readings: Sunday 9th December

Philippians 1.3-11

Paul's Prayer for the Philippians

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Luke 3.1-6

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

³In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '

Home Groups: There will be no **Tuesday Home Group** meeting on Tuesday 11th is a social evening at 7 Fuggles Court. Thereafter there will be no Tuesday Home Group meeting until Tuesday 8th January.

We shall be preparing the church for Christmas on Wednesday 19th December starting at 10 am. All would be welcome to join us in this enjoyable activity. Dick Hill

Carol Singing at The Grange: Our neighbours at The Grange have invited us into their home for carol singing again this year. It is on Friday 14th December at 6.30pm. (Dear Wes will be playing for us again this year.) Please just turn up at the front door of The Grange at 6.30pm and you will be made very welcome. Revd David.

Sidespeople: A Plea! We are in need of recruiting more people to act as Sidespeople for our Sunday services. If you can smile at people and make them feel welcome as they walk into church - whether you know them or not - then you would make a good sides-person! Please speak to me, or to a Churchwarden, about this if you think you could serve in this way. (The more volunteers we have, the less often everyone has to do it!) Revd David.

**Parish Carol Service
at St George's Church
(candle-lit)**



**7.30 pm
Wednesday 19th December**

**Crib Service
at
St George's Church
Benenden**



**Christmas Eve
at 3pm**

***Children please come along
in Nativity costume***

Advent & Christmas Services 2018

Sunday 9th December - Second Sunday of Advent

	8 am	1662 Holy communion
	10 am	Morning Worship
	5 pm	Evening Prayer at the Mission Church
Wednesday 12 th	2 pm	BPS Nativity Service
Friday 14 th	5 pm	St Ronan's Carol Service

Sunday 16th December - Third Sunday of Advent

	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10am	Sung Eucharist
Tuesday 18 th	1.15 pm	BPS Carol Service
Wednesday 19 th	7.30 pm	Parish Carol Service

Sunday 23rd December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Morning Worship
Christmas Eve	3 pm	Crib Service
	11.30 pm	First Communion of Christmas
Christmas Day	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Morning Worship followed by Holy Communion

Sunday 30th December - First Sunday of Christmas

	8 am	Benefice Service at St Nicholas
	10 am	Benefice Service at St George's

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