

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Sunday 3rd February

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

Collect: Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service: strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; 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 ALL AGE COMMUNION
led by Revd David Commander

Bible Readings:

1 Corinthians 13
Luke 2.22-40

HYMNS	
676	Immortal invisible
604	Brother sister, let me serve you
763i	Praise to the Holiest in the height
Communion hymn 719	Lord the light of your love
Communion hymn 358	Be still for the presence
477	Go forth and tell!

5.00 pm CHORAL EVENSONG
led by David Harmsworth
Psalm 34. Readings: 1 Chronicles 29.6-19, Acts 7.44-50.

HYMNS	
110	Hail to the Lord who comes
20	O gladsome light
648ii	God of grace
Responses	Smith
Canticles	Walmisley
Anthem	Eccard 'When Mary to the Temple went'

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 4 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	BPS Assembly
Tuesday 5 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
Wednesday 6 th	8.00 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing
Thursday 7 th	9.30 am	BPS music lessons at St George's
Friday 8 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's

	9.00 am	Cakes & Chaos
	3.00 pm	BPS Assembly
	6.45 pm	Choir Practice
	8.00 pm	Bell Ringing (tbc)
Saturday 9 th	7.00 pm	Canterbury Choristers Concert at St Nicholas, Sandhurst

Sunday Next: 10th February – Fourth Sunday before Lent

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11, Luke 5.1-11

8.00 am 1662 BCP Holy Communion led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am Morning Worship led by Revd Craig Huxley

5.00 pm Evening Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander *Psalm 2. Readings: Hosea 1, Colossians 3.1-22.*

Readings: Sunday 3rd February

1 Corinthians 13_The Gift of Love

¹³If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Luke 2.22-40 Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage,

³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

The Return to Nazareth

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Home Groups: The Tuesday Home Group meets at 8pm at David and Julia Collard's home in Benenden. The Wednesday Home Group meets at 7.30pm at Sandhurst Mission Church. All are welcome.

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 sidesperson! 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.

Friends of St George's: Dates for your Diary

Saturday 23rd February at 7.30pm – Community Concert by Cranbrook Choral Society in aid of Hospice in the Weald and the Friends of St George's at St George's

Monday 8th April at 7.00pm – Friends of St George's's AGM at St George's

Saturday 18th May at 7.00pm – The Choristers of Canterbury Cathedral at St George's

Friday 15th November at 7.30pm – Friends of St George's Annual Quiz at Benenden Village Hall



**AT ST GEORGE'S
4-6pm SUNDAY 17th FEBRUARY**

The Canterbury Choristers

In Concert

at St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst

on Saturday 9th February 2019

at 7pm

Tickets £15. Available from 01580 850 278

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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