

# The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December

### Third Sunday of Advent

**Collect:** O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father 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 SUNG EUCHARIST**  
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

**Bible Readings:**  
*James 5.7-10,*  
*Matthew 11.2-11*

Hymns	
45	O Come O come Emmanuel v1, 2, 5
742	O for a thousand tongues
108	When Jesus came to Jordan
	Communion motet
	Communion Hymn
769	Rejoice the Lord is King

### The Week Ahead

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	'Blend' youth group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Coffee Shop at the Memorial Hall
	2.30 pm	Benenden Primary School Carol Service
	7.00 pm	Choir Practice at the Memorial Hall
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9.30 am	Preparing the Church for Christmas
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	5.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	8.00 pm	Monthly Bellingringing Practice
	12 noon	Wedding of Robert Sibley and Catherine Bee
	from 1.30 pm	Renewal of church candles
	7.30 pm	Parish Carol Service

### Sunday Next: 22<sup>nd</sup> December – The Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Readings: Romans 1.1-17, Matthew 1.18-end*

**8.00 am Holy Communion** led by Revd David Commander

**10.00 am Morning Worship** led by David Harmsworth

## Readings: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December

### **James 5.7-10**

#### **Patience in Suffering**

<sup>7</sup> Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup>Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

### **Matthew 11.2-11**

#### **Messengers from John the Baptist**

<sup>2</sup> When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

#### **Jesus Praises John the Baptist**

<sup>7</sup> As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you."

<sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

**Home Groups:** The Benenden House Group meets again on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at Julia and David Collard's at 7 Fuggles Court.

**From Revd Rosemary:** I have a small number of very special hand embroidered bags for sale after the 10 o'clock service today. They have been made by Syrian refugee women in Jordan who are supported by my daughter Helen. Any money from sales goes directly to improving life for refugees in camps in Jordan. Thank you! RKvW

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Preparing the Church for Christmas.** From 9.30 am. All welcome. DH

**Invitation to a wedding!** Rob Sibley and Cat Bee are getting married at St George's at 12 noon on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Rob and Cat have been worshipping with us for nearly 15 months. They have said to me that they have been made to feel so welcome by everyone; they would like to invite anyone from the church family to the ceremony on Saturday and to stay for mulled wine at the back of church after the service. DJC





## *St. George's Benenden - 2019*

Service	Date	Time	Venue
Benenden Primary School Carol service	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm	St. George's Benenden
Benenden Parish Carol service	Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:30pm	St. George's Benenden
	<i>Christmas Eve</i>		
Benenden Crib service	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm	St. George's Benenden
Benenden "Midnight" Communion		11:30pm	St. George's Benenden
	<i>Christmas Day</i>		
Communion	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	St. George's Benenden
Morning Worship		10:00am	St. George's Benenden
Communion		~10:45am	St. George's Benenden
Benefice Communion	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	St. Nicholas Sandhurst
Benefice All-Age Communion	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	St. George's Benenden

**Plus the normal Service pattern of 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock services every Sunday:**

8.00am Communion.

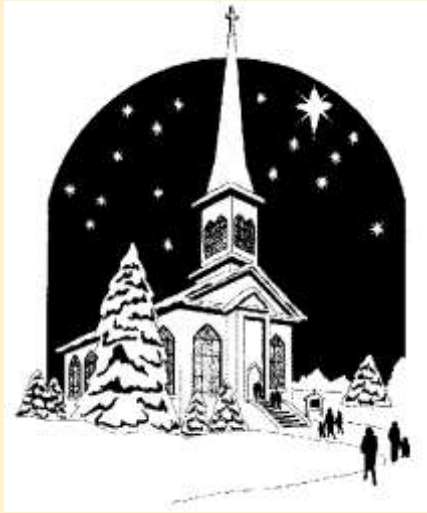
10.00am services:

15<sup>th</sup> December: Sung Eucharist

22<sup>nd</sup> December: Morning Worship

**BLEND – Youth Group for all 11 to 15 year olds – Tuesdays IN TERM TIME  
from 4 to 6pm at Sandhurst Mission Church, Back Road TN18 5JU**

## St George's Parish Carol Service



**7.30 pm  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>  
December**

## Crib Service at St George's



**Christmas Eve  
3pm**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December – The Fifth Sunday of the Month  
BENEFICE SERVICES**

**8am Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Sandhurst  
10am All Age Communion at St George's, Benenden**

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