

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Our Worship: 22nd December

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Collect: God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; 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 David Harmsworth

Bible Readings:

Romans 1.1-7

Matthew 1.18-end

Hymns	
45	O Come O Come Emmanuel v1-5
75	Long ago prophets knew
58	A great and mighty wonder
394	Tell out my soul

6.30 pm SANDHURST PARISH CAROL SERVICE AT ST NICHOLAS
led by Revd David Commander

The Week Ahead

Monday 23rd 8.00 am Morning Prayer at St George's

CHRISTMAS EVE 8.00 am Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church

Tuesday 24th **3.00 pm CRIB SERVICE** led by Revd David Commander

11.30 pm MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

Readings: Titus 2.11-14, Luke 2.1-14

Hymns	
81	Once in Royal David's city
59	Angels from the realms of glory
84	Silent night, holy night,
Communion motet 72	Joy to the world
Communion hymn 70	It came upon the midnight clear
78	O come all ye faithful (Omit v 4)

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

Wednesday 25th *Readings: Hebrews 1.1-4, John 1.1-14*

10.00 am MORNING WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander *Readings: Hebrews 1.1-4, John 1.1-14*

Hymns	
79	O little town of Bethlehem
60	Away in a manger
66	Hark the herald
78	O Come all ye faithful (omit v4)

Sunday Next: 29th December: The First Sunday of Christmas

Readings: Hebrews 2.10-end, Matthew 2.13-end

8.00 am Benefice Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Sandhurst
led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am Benefice All Age Holy Communion at St George's
led by Revd David Commander

Readings: Sunday 22nd December

Romans 1.1-7

The Letter of Paul to the Romans

Salutation

¹Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷ To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 1.18-end

The Birth of Jesus the Messiah

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' ²²All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall name him Emmanuel',

which means, 'God is with us.' ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

Congratulations to Rob Sibley and Cat Bee, who got married at St George's Church on Saturday 21st December.

Wednesday Choir Practices recommence on 8th January.

David and Helen would like to thank you for all your love and support this year, and wish everyone a very happy Christmas. As I have been saying to our Primary Schools as we've lit each of our Advent Candles every week: May your Christmas be filled with Hope, and Love, and Joy, and Peace, and may Christ be at the centre of it for you this Christmas and through the coming year. God Bless. Love, David and Helen.

Crib Service at St George's



**Christmas Eve
3pm**

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2019 Christmas campaign.

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daily reflections, visit:

www.churchofengland.org/christmas

 THE CHURCH
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**Sunday 29th 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



St. George's Benenden - 2019

Service	Date	Time	Venue
	<i>Christmas Eve</i>		
Benenden Crib service	Tuesday 24 th	3:00pm	St. George's Benenden
Benenden "Midnight" Communion		11:30pm	St. George's Benenden
	<i>Christmas Day</i>		
Communion	Wednesday 25 th	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 th	8:00am	St. Nicholas Sandhurst
Benefice All-Age Communion	Sunday 29 th	10:00am	St. George's Benenden

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