

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January

### The Baptism of Christ

**Collect:** Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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.

#### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January – The Baptism of Christ**

*Readings: Acts 10.34-43, Matthew 3.13-end*

##### **8 am                    HOLY COMMUNION**

led by Revd David Commander

##### **10 am                    MORNING WORSHIP**

led by David Harmsworth

Hymns:      46      *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*  
                  242     *(omit v4) Come, Holy Spirit, come!*  
                  246     *Holy Spirit, come, confirm us*  
                  341     *We turn to Christ today*

#### **The Week Ahead**

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at the Mission Church
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at the Mission Church
	5.30 pm	led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
	7.30 pm	Choral Evensong at Canterbury Cathedral - collation of the new Archdeacon of Maidstone, Revd Estella Last
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	11.30 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	MLT meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 11.30 am	Discipleship & Mission Group meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7 – 8 pm	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at Sandhurst Mission Church
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Choir Practice at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
		Bellringing – Quarter Peal Attempt – at St George's

#### **Sunday Next: 18<sup>th</sup> January – The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

*Readings: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9, John 1.29-42*

##### **8 am                    HOLY COMMUNION** led by Revd David Commander

##### **10 am                    SUNG EUCHARIST** led by Revd David Commander

Last 10 o'clock service at St. George's before the closure of the church for the Restore-Renew-Rejoice project. (Thereafter, the 10 o'clock services will be at Benenden Primary School. See separate leaflet, "Alternative Worship Arrangements".)

## **Readings: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January – The Baptism of Christ**

### **Acts 10.34-43**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

### **Matthew 3.13-end**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

### **Home Groups:**

**Sandhurst:** Meets at 7.30 pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January, at Sandhurst Mission Church.

**Benenden:** Meets at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January at David & Julia Collard's.

**STILL WANTED! Someone to play the piano/keyboard** for the hymns at the (twice monthly) 10 am Morning Worship services when our St George's congregation starts worshipping at Benenden Primary school - from Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January. For more information, please contact Sue Fisher. Tel 241 907

**10am services at Benenden Primary School - from 25<sup>th</sup> January:** We will have a lot more to set up for our 10 o'clock services once we are worshipping in the Primary School. (e.g. An altar and credence table; 50/60 chairs for the choir and congregation; a table for the sides-people plus hymn books and Orders of Service; the social area for refreshments.) If you are able-bodied and can help, volunteers are required please. Initially, those setting up would need to be there at 9am. Once we become more familiar with the set-up, then probably 9.15am would work. And, of course, help is needed clearing everything away after each service! This cannot all fall upon the sides-people, churchwardens and service leader! If you can be at the Primary School at 6pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, you can see what needs to be done to set up for a 10 o'clock service. Please let me, or one of the Churchwardens know if you can help in this way. Thank you. Revd David

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February at Benenden Primary School: An opportunity to meet our newly installed Archdeacon of Maidstone, Revd Estella Last,** at the 10 o'clock service at Benenden Primary School on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Estella is happy to do a Q&A whilst she is with us. So, if you would like to know more about our new Archdeacon, please have a think about what you might like to ask her. Revd David

# 'CONNECT FOUR'

*Our informal family service*

**4pm - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

at Sandhurst Mission Church, Back Road TN18 5JU



**Come along and connect with:**

- family and friends - tea, coffee, cake - the Bible
- worship - and God!

**Refreshments throughout!**

## ***The Friends of St George's***

*Join us for an evening of*

**BEER AND HYMNS**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm - in The Bull, Benenden**

Please let us know your favourite hymns and join the singalong.

Email your hymn requests to [joanne.clube@gmail.com](mailto:joanne.clube@gmail.com)

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## ***Grief Talks ~ Time to share & reflect***



***Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February***

***10am – 12noon***

***@ the Mission Church, Back Road, Sandhurst TN18 5JU***

Coming to terms with the loss of a loved one can be one of the hardest things we have to do. When someone has died, while we may feel our loved one is at peace, it can still leave us with hugely mixed emotions.

We are offering a morning to explore our grief through conversation, readings and crafting together. It will be a safe space to come to talk and share what has been going on for you. Talking to others who have been through similar experiences can be helpful, or just knowing that someone is there to listen.

For more information and to book this free workshop please contact Claire Roberts on 01580 754374 or email [claireecr57@yahoo.com](mailto:claireecr57@yahoo.com)



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## Weald Deanery Synod Open meeting

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February – 7.15 for 7.30pm  
at The Mission Church,  
Back Road, Sandhurst TN18 5JU**

**Our guest speaker is  
Iain Blythe, Diocesan Secretary**

*This is an opportunity to meet Iain and to develop a more personal relationship rather than just referring to 'the Diocesan Secretary'.*

*Iain will be answering some questions about himself, his role, and, maybe, his thoughts on things within Canterbury Diocese and the Church of England.*

**If you have a question for Iain, please email it to Revd David by Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January.**

**The evening is an opportunity for you to get to know the person who is our Diocesan Secretary, and build a closer, more personal, relationship with him.**

**We look forward to seeing you there. Refreshments served from 7.15pm.**

### **St George's: Restore, Renew, Rejoice!**

**Your Community Needs You! Do you, or a family member or a friend, have any of the following skills and experience?**

**Digital Marketing | Quantity Surveying | Treasury & Financial Planning | Community Infrastructure Levy**

**The St George's RRR Project Fundraising Team would love to hear from you.  
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