

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 25th January The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 25th January – The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1.10-18, Matthew 4.12-23

8 am	HOLY COMMUNION in the Chancel at St George's led by Revd David Commander	
10 am	MORNING WORSHIP at Benenden Primary School led by Revd David Commander	
	<i>Hymns:</i> 445 <i>God is here! As we his people</i> 669 <i>I heard the voice of Jesus say</i> 648 <i>God of grace and God of glory</i> 748 <i>O Jesus, I have promised</i>	

The Week Ahead

Monday 26 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Benenden PCC meeting at the Memorial Hall
Tuesday 27 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church
		led by Revd David Commander
Wednesday 28 th	7.30 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	2 pm	Benenden Memorial Hall AGM
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 29 th	10 – 11.30 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at Sandhurst Mission Church
Friday 30 th	7 pm	Choir Practice at Iden Green Congregational Church
	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Saturday 31 st	5 pm	Bellringing – Quarter Peal attempt at St George's

Sunday Next: 1st February – Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Readings: 1 Corinthians 2.1-12, Matthew 5.13-20

8 am	HOLY COMMUNION in the Chancel at St George's led by Revd David Commander	
10 am	ALL AGE COMMUNION at Benenden Primary School led by Revd David Commander	
5 pm	EVENING PRAYER in the Chancel at St George's led by David Harmsworth <i>Psalm 132. Readings: Haggai 2.1-9, John 2.18-22</i>	

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1 Corinthians 1.10-18

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 4.12-23

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.'

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Home Groups:

Sandhurst: Meets at 7.30 pm on Mondays at Sandhurst Mission Church.

Benenden: Meets at 7.30 pm on Tuesdays at David & Julia Collard's.

Benenden PCC meets on Monday 26th January at the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

STILL WANTED! Someone to play the piano/keyboard for the hymns at 10am services in Benenden Primary, even occasionally. For more information, please contact Sue Fisher. Tel 241 907.

Sunday 8th 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 8th 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

Palm Crosses please return any Palm Crosses back to Revd David by Sunday 15th February. These will be used to prepare the ashes for the Ash Wednesday service at St Nicholas on 18th February at 7.30pm. - Please bring these either to St George's at the 8am, or to the Primary School at the 10am services.



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Weald Deanery Synod Open meeting

**Wednesday 4th 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.

*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.*

The Friends of St George's

**Join us for an evening of
BEER AND HYMNS**

Sunday 8th 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

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Grief Talks ~ Time to share & reflect

Saturday 28th 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
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