

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 18th January The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Collect: Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 18th 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

Hymns: 826 *Ye holy angels bright*
99 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*
650 *Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father*
(HC) 324 *Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult*
510 *Will you come and follow me*

This is the last 10 am service at St George's before the closure of St George's for the Restore-Renew-Rejoice project. Thereafter, the 10 am services will be at Benenden Primary School.

Please see separate leaflet in church "Alternative Worship Arrangements"

The Week Ahead

Monday 19 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at the Rectory
Tuesday 20 th	10 am	No Morning Prayer today
	7.30 pm	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
Wednesday 21 st	6 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	7 pm	No Morning Prayer today
	7.30 pm	Sides-person training at Benenden Primary School
Thursday 22 nd	10 – 11.30 am	Central Weald Filling Station at Benenden Primary School Bellringing Practice at St George's at Sandhurst Mission Church Rhythm of Life Community Choir
Friday 23 rd	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Saturday 24 th	4 pm	'CONNECT FOUR' family service at Sandhurst Mission Church

Sunday Next: 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

Readings: Sunday 18th January – The Second Sunday of Epiphany

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶just as the testimony of^c Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 1.29-42

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ ³²And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ ³⁹He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed^b). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

Home Groups:

Sandhurst: Meets at 7.30 pm on Monday 19th January at the Rectory.

Benenden: Meets at 7.30 pm on Tuesdays 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 25th January. For more information, please contact Sue Fisher. Tel 241 907

10am services at Benenden Primary School from 25th 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 21st 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

Central Weald Filling Station meets at Benenden Primary School – 7pm on Wednesday 21st January. This month's speaker is Christine Perkin. Christine and husband Paul previously led St Marks Battersea Rise in London, one of the first church plants from Holy Trinity Brompton. Christine and Paul remain busy with preaching and teaching, especially marriage and family ministry. They now live in Hawkhurst.

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.

'CONNECT FOUR'

Our informal family service

4pm - Saturday 24th 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!

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 on 01580 754374 or email claireecr57@yahoo.com

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!



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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.

If you have a question for Iain, please email it to Revd David by Sunday 18th 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.

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