

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: 10th December The Second Sunday of Advent

Collect: O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Sunday 10th December – The Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: 2 Peter 3.8-15a, Mark 1.1-8

8 am 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander

10 am MORNING WORSHIP

led by David Harmsworth

Hymns: 26 Prophet voices loudly crying

581 Lord of lords (omit v4)

30 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

46 On Jordan's bank

569 The kingdom of God is justice and joy

1 - 4 pm 'Benenden Strings' at St George's – Concert at 3pm

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 11 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 12 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	8 pm	Benenden Home Group Christmas Social at Cathy Presgrave's
Wednesday 13 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at the Memorial Hall
	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 14 th	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
	7 – 8 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 15 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's
	2.30 pm	BPS Christmas Service at St George's
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing Practice – Quarter Peal attempt

Sunday Next: 17th December – The Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24, John 1.6-8, 19-28

8 am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

10 am SUNG EUCHARIST

led by Revd David Commander & Vicki Young

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2 Peter 3.8-15a

⁸ But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹ Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Final Exhortation and Doxology

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Mark 1.1-8

The Gospel According to Mark

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight” ’,

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

The Benenden Home Group meeting on Tuesday 12th December will be a social evening at the Home of Cathy Presgrave, Eaton Barn, Goddard’s Green, Road, Benenden, TN17 4AR. We will not then meet until the New Year.

🌲 Preparing the Church for Christmas 🌲

On Monday 18th, starting at 9.30am, we shall be preparing the church for Christmas, including setting out about 400 candles, erecting the crib, etc. What goes up must come down and so on Thursday 28th, again at 9.30am, we shall be dismantling everything. You would be very welcome to join us to help out on either or both of these enjoyable occasions. Dick Hill

Christmas Day Lunch: Might you be home alone or without family on Christmas Day?

Do come along to our Christmas Day Lunch at the Memorial Hall. Contact Helen Commander for more details or to book Tel 240 658. You will be most welcome!

Parish Candlelit Carol Service at St George's



***7.30 pm
Tuesday 19th December***

Crib Service at St George's



**Christmas Eve
at 3 pm**

ALL WELCOME!

***Please come along dressed as
a Nativity character.***

***This will help us to bring to life
the story of the Nativity.***

Christmas Services at St George's December 2023

Tuesday 12th	10am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church
Friday 15th	2.30pm	Benenden Primary School Carol Service
Sunday 17th	8am 10am	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist
Tuesday 19th	10am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 19th	7.30pm	Parish Candlelit Carol Service
Christmas Eve Sunday 24th	8am 10am 3pm 11.30pm	Holy Communion Morning Worship Crib service First Communion of Christmas
Christmas Day Monday 25th	8am 10am	Holy Communion Morning Worship – followed by Holy Communion at 11am Christmas Lunch at the Memorial Hall
Tuesday 26th		No service today
Sunday 31st	8am 10am	Benefice Holy Communion at St George's Benefice Holy Communion at St Nicholas

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