

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE

Collect: Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 24th December – CHRISTMAS EVE

Readings: Romans 16.25-end, Luke 1.26-38

8 am

HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander

10 am

MORNING WORSHIP

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

Hymns: 26 v4 *Mary's gift*
 32 *Come thou redeemer (omit v4)*
 52 *The people that in darkness (omit v3)*
 45 *O come, O come Emmanuel*
 394 *Tell out my soul*

3 pm

CRIB SERVICE

led by Revd David Commander

11.30 pm

FIRST COMMUNION OF CHRISTMAS

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

Readings: Hebrews 1.1-4 [5-12], John 1.1-14

Hymns: 26 v5 *Advent candles tell their story, on this Christmas Day*
 78 *O come all ye faithful (omit v4&5)*
 72 *Joy to the world*
 89 *While shepherds watched*
 66 *Hark, the herald angels sing*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY

Readings: Titus 2.11-14, Luke 2.1-14 [15-20]

8 am

HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am

MORNING WORSHIP followed by HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander

Hymns 26 v5 *Advent candles tell their story, on this Christmas Day*
 78 *O come, all ye faithful (omit v4&5)*
 86 *The first Nowell*
 66 *Hark! The herald angels sing glory*

Revd David is on holiday from Tuesday 26th December, returning on Tuesday 2nd January.

Should you require the services of a priest during this time please contact your Churchwardens:

David Collard Tel 241 944, Sue Fisher Tel 241 907

Tuesday 26th

Bank Holiday

No Morning Prayer this week.

No Holy Communion service today in Sandhurst.

Wednesday 27th

No Coffee Shop this week – restarts 3rd January

Thursday 28th

9.30 am *Dismantling the church after Christmas*

Sunday Next: 31st December – The First Sunday of Christmas

Readings: Galatians 4.4-7, Luke 2.15-21

- 8 am** **BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
- 10 am** **BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

Readings: Sunday 24th December- Christmas Eve

Romans 16.25-end

Final Doxology

²⁵ Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

Luke 1.26-38

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.' ³⁸Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Prayers:

We pray for **t/I Robert Cyster** and all family and friends. Robert's funeral is at St George's on Friday 5th January at 1.30pm

We pray for **t/I Michael Goodsell** and all family and friends. Michael's funeral service, for the family, is on the morning of Friday 12th January at the Crematorium. Michael's memorial service follows at St George's at 1pm that afternoon.

Christmas Day Lunch: Are you 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!

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.***

Next Sunday – 31st December – is a 5th Sunday of the month. We therefore have benefice services. The 8 am Holy Communion is at St George's and the 10 am Holy Communion at St Nicholas, both led by Revd Ylva.

The Tuesday Home Group in Benenden at David & Julia Collards restarts after a Christmas break on Tuesday 9th January

Christmas Services at St George's December 2023

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	<i>Holy Communion Morning Worship – followed by Holy Communion at 11am Christmas Lunch at the Memorial Hall</i>
Tuesday 26th		<i>No service today</i>
Sunday 31st	8am 10am	Benefice Holy Communion at St George's Benefice Holy Communion at St Nicholas

We are collecting for...



Cans of potatoes, soup & beans

Hair needs shampoo & we need deodorant too

Rice pudding in tins

In need of dog food for our faithful friends

Something sweet - biscuits are a treat

Tinned fruit and fish

Marmite

pAsta - any shape of dry

Spreads - jams & peanut butter



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