

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: 3rd December The First Sunday of Advent

Collect: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 3rd December – The First Sunday of Advent

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9, Mark 13.24-end

8 am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander

10 am ALL AGE COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander

*Hymns: 26 Advent Candles tell their story (each Advent service, at the appropriate time)
696 Jesus, where're thy people meet
47 People look East
649 God of mercy
51 The Lord will come*

5 pm ADVENT SERVICE OF LIGHT AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd David Commander

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 4 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 5 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	8 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 6 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at the Memorial Hall
	2 -4 pm	Loss & Grief Café at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 - 9.15 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 7 th	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
Friday 8 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	3.30 – 5.30 pm	BPS Christmas Fair - at the primary school

Sunday Next: 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 Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am MORNING WORSHIP

led by David Harmsworth

2 pm 'Benenden Strings' Concert at St George's

led by Revd David Commander

Readings: Sunday 3rd December- The First Sunday of Advent

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

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

⁴ I 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 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.

Mark 13.24-end

The Coming of the Son of Man

²⁴ 'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶ Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

²⁸ 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

The Necessity for Watchfulness

³² 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵ Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

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.

Loss & Grief Café – Wednesday 6th December from 2 to 4pm. There are many different losses in life and we all deal with them differently. We are offering 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. As us just knowing that someone is there to listen.

Further information from Claire Roberts Tel 07872 171 535 or email claireecr57@yahoo.com

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!

***BENEFICE ADVENT SERVICE OF LIGHT
AT ST GEORGE'S***

5pm Sunday 3rd December



Candlelit Service of Advent Lessons & Carols

***Parish Candlelit
Carol Service
at St George's***




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

Christmas Services at St George's December 2023

Sunday 3rd	5pm	Advent Service of Light
Sunday 10th	8am 10am	1662 BCP Holy Communion Morning Worship
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 7.30pm	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church 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	<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

Church Contacts:

Church Office	Cathy Baker, Benefice Administrator. The Mission Church, Back Road, Sandhurst TN18 5JU Tel: 01580 850 849 - E-mail: benendenchurch@gmail.com
St George's Churchwardens	Mr David Collard Tel: 01580 241 944 - E-mail: d.collard49@btinternet.com Mrs Sue Fisher Tel: 01580 241 907 - E-mail: sue@undaunted.co.uk
St George's Parish Safeguarding Officer	Ian Malaugh Tel: 01580 240 999 - E-mail: ianmal@sky.com
Priests	Revd David Commander, Rector. The Rectory, The Green, Benenden TN17 4DL_ Tel: 01580 240 658 E-mail: revdavidcommander@gmail.com <i>(NB The Rector's day off is Thursday)</i> Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie, Associate Priest Tel: 01233 820100 Mobile: 07766 711957 Email: rev.ylva@gmail.com Revd Dr Rosemary Kobus van Wengen Tel: 01580 764 857 Email: rosemaryvanwengen@gmail.com
	StNicholasSandhurst StGeorgesBenenden