

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Sunday 2nd December 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,

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION
led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am ALL AGE COMMUNION
led by Revd David Commander & Vicki Young

Bible Readings:
1 Thessalonians 3.9-end
Luke 21.25-36

HYMNS	
45	O Come O Come Emmanuel v1-3
30	Come thou long expected Jesus
143	Here is love, vast as the ocean
41	Lo he comes with clouds descending

4.00 pm Choir Practice

5.00 pm SERVICE OF LIGHT ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
led by Revd David Commander

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 3 rd	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	BPS Assembly
	2.00 pm	Windows of Opportunity: Advent Course at St George's
	7.30 pm	Deanery Synod Meeting at St Mary's Sutton Valence
Tuesday 4 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
Wednesday 5 th	2.00 pm	Churchwardens' meeting at the Rectory
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	7.30 pm	Windows of Opportunity: Advent Course at Sandhurst Mission Church
Thursday 6 th	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing
	9.30-11.30 am	BPS Music Lessons in St George's
Friday 7 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's
	3.00 pm	BPS Assembly
	6.45 pm	Choir Practice

Sunday Next: 8th December – Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Philippians 1.3-11, Luke 3.1-6

- 8.00 am** 1662 BCP Holy Communion led by Revd David Commander
10.00 am Morning Worship led by Jacqueline Hewitt & Karen Booth-Clibborn
5.00 pm Evening Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
led by Revd David Commander
Psalm 75. Readings: Isaiah 40.1-11, Luke 1.1-25

Readings: Sunday 2nd December

1 Thessalonians 3.9-end

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you.

¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 21.25-36

The Coming of the Son of Man

²⁵ 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

Exhortation to Watch

³⁴ 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Home Groups: There will be no **Tuesday Home Group** meeting on Tuesday 4th December and the meeting on Tuesday 11th will be a social evening at 7 Fuggles Court. Thereafter there will be no Tuesday Home Group meeting until Tuesday 8th January. **The Wednesday Home Group** on 5th December will cover Rosemary's Advent Course.

Sidespeople: A Plea! We are in need of recruiting more people to act as Sidespeople for our Sunday services. If you can smile at people and make them feel welcome as they walk into church - whether you know them or not - then you would make a good sides-person! Please speak to me, or to a Churchwarden, about this if you think you could serve in this way. (The more volunteers we have, the less often everyone has to do it!) Revd David.

Remembrance at St George's: A huge thank you from Jane Dalton-Holmes and myself for the amount raised for the work of the Royal British Legion through the poppy sales and the collections at the Remembrance service and the Commemoration service. An interim total of £5961.10 has been collected so far; this is £1000 more than the final end-of-year total last year. The collection at the Remembrance service was £1292.91, and at the Commemoration service a further £131. Thank you also to the poppy sellers for your efforts in raising this wonderful total. Revd David.

Advent Course: Windows of Opportunity: Reflections for Advent

This **one day** course will be led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen at St George's on Monday 3rd December at 2pm and at Sandhurst Mission Church on Wednesday 5th December at 7.30pm
All are very welcome.

Advent & Christmas Services 2018

Sunday 2nd December - 1st Sunday of Advent

	8 am	Communion
	10 am	All Age Communion
	5 pm	Service of Light candle-lit Advent Carol Service
Monday 3 rd	2 pm	'Windows of Opportunity' Advent Course led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen at St George's
Wednesday 5 th	7.30 pm	'Windows of Opportunity' Advent Course led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen at Sandhurst Mission Church

Sunday 9th December - Second Sunday of Advent

	8 am	1662 Holy communion
	10 am	Morning Worship
	5 pm	Evening Prayer at the Mission Church
Wednesday 12 th	2 pm	BPS Nativity Service
Friday 14 th	5 pm	St Ronan's Carol Service

Sunday 16th December - Third Sunday of Advent

	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10am	Sung Eucharist
Tuesday 18 th	1.15 pm	BPS Carol Service
Wednesday 19 th	7.30 pm	Parish Carol Service

Sunday 23rd December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Morning Worship
Christmas Eve	3 pm	Crib Service
	11.30 pm	First Communion of Christmas
Christmas Day	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Morning Worship followed by Holy Communion

Sunday 30th December - First Sunday of Christmas

	8 am	Benefice Service at St Nicholas
	10 am	Benefice Service at St George's