

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Sunday 16th December Third Sunday of Advent

Collect: O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

Bible Readings:
Philippians 4.4-7,
Luke 3.7-18

10.00 am SUNG EUCHARIST
led by Revd David Commander

HYMNS	
45	O come O come Emmanuel v1, 2, 5
742ii	O for a thousand tongues
108	When Jesus came to Jordan
	Communion motet
	Communion Hymn
769	Rejoice the Lord is King

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 17 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 18 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Jean Rummery's led by Revd David Commander
	1.15 pm	BPS Carol Service
Wednesday 19 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Preparing the Church for Christmas
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	2.00 pm	Interment at St George's
	7.30 pm	Parish Carol Service
Friday 21 st	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	6.45 pm	Choir Practice

Sunday Next: 23rd December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings: Hebrews 10.5-10, Luke 1.39-55

8.00 am Holy Communion led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am Morning Worship led by David Harmsworth

6.30 pm St Nicholas Parish Carol Service led by Revd David Commander

Readings: Sunday 16th December

Philippians 4.4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Luke 3.7-18

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'
¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' ¹¹ In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.'
¹² Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' ¹³ He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.'
¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'
¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'
¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Home Groups: The **Tuesday Home Group** next meets on Tuesday 8th January at Julia and David Collards at 8pm. The **Wednesday Home Group** next meets on Wednesday 9th January at 7.30pm at Sandhurst Mission Church.

We shall be preparing the church for Christmas on Wednesday 19th December starting at 10 am. All are very welcome to join us in this enjoyable activity. Dick Hill

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.

We have benefice services on Sunday 30th December,
the fifth Sunday of the month:
8am Benefice Communion at St Nicholas
10am Benefice Service at St George's

**Parish Carol Service
at St George's Church
(candle-lit)**



**7.30 pm
Wednesday 19th December**

**Crib Service
at
St George's Church
Benenden**



**Christmas Eve
at 3pm**

***Children please come along
in Nativity costume***

Advent & Christmas Services 2018

Sunday 16th December - Third Sunday of Advent

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

Christingle Service at St George's Church



**Sunday 6th January
at 10am**

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