

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Sunday 6th January

The Epiphany

Collect: O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander

Bible Readings: Ephesians 3.1-12. Matthew 2.1-12

10.00 am CHRISTINGLE

ALL AGE COMMUNION SERVICE

led by Revd David Commander

HYMNS	
94	As with gladness
76 (children's singing group)	Like a candle flame
677	In a world where people walk in darkness
Tune 638 Sing Hosanna	Sing Christingle
99	Hail to the Lord's anointed
76 Communion hymn	Love came down at Christmas
105 Communion hymn	We three kings
96	Brightest and best

4.00 pm Choir Practice

5.00 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

led by David Harmsworth

Psalms 98. Readings: Isaiah 60.1-9. John 2.1-11

HYMNS	
Canticles	Dyson in F
Anthem	Stainer: How beautiful upon the mountains
100	How brightly shines the morning star
24	The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended
37	Hark what a sound

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 7 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	BPS Assembly
	7.30 pm	Learning & Sharing the Faith meeting
Tuesday 8 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 9 th	8.00 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Thursday 10 th	9.30 am	BPS music lessons at St George's
Friday 11 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	Cakes & Chaos
	3.00 pm	BPS Assembly
	6.45 pm	Choir Practice

Sunday Next: 13th January – The Baptism of Christ

Readings: Acts 8.14-17, Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

8.00 am 1662 BCP Holy Communion led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am Morning Worship led by Rickie Bishop

5.00 pm Evening Prayer "Taize" led by Lyn Hayes at Sandhurst Mission Church

Readings: Sunday 6th January 8am Service

Ephesians 3.1-12 Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles

³This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—
²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Matthew 2.1-12 The Visit of the Wise Men

²In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

⁵They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Home Groups: The Tuesday Home Group meets at 8pm at David and Julia Collard's home in Benenden. The Wednesday Home Group meets at 7.30pm at Sandhurst Mission Church. All are welcome.

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.

St George's Bell Ringing: Congratulations to the band who, on Thursday 27th December, rang the first quarter-peal on the bells with a band of the regular Sunday service ringers at this tower for the first time in at least half a century (and probably much longer!). The band, who rang 1260 Grandsire Doubles in 48 minutes, comprised: Treble, Sue; 2, Karen; 3, Gavin; 4, Corinne; 5, Rod and 6, Bill. It was also Bill's first quarter and Gavin's first as conductor. A fine effort by all.

Helen and I would like to thank everyone for their cards, gifts and kind thoughts this Christmas. Your love and support are greatly appreciated by us both. Thank you. We trust that you had a peaceful, joyful, family-filled and God-filled Christmas. Revd David.

**Christingle Service
at St George's Church**



**Sunday 6th January
at 10am**


***The Canterbury Choristers
In Concert***

***at St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst
on Saturday 9th February 2019
at 7pm***

Tickets £15. Available from 01580 850 278



Taize Service
at the Mission Church
5pm
Sunday 13th January

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