

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 8th December

Second Sunday of Advent

Collect: Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

8.00 am 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am MORNING WORSHIP

led by Rickie Bishop

Bible Readings:

Romans 15.4-13

Matthew 3.1-12

Hymns	
45	O Come O Come Emmanuel v1, 2, 4
38	Hark a thrilling voice is sounding
46	On Jordan's bank
51	The Lord will come

5.00 pm EVENING PRAYER AT SANDHURST MISSION CHURCH

led by Revd David Commander

The Week Ahead

Monday 9 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	5.30 pm	Churchwardens' meeting at the Rectory
Tuesday 10 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	11.30 am	Funeral of t/l Penny Wilmot at St George's
	1.00 pm	Organ Tuning
	4.00 pm	'Blend' youth group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Wednesday 11 th	8.00 pm	Home Group Social at Alice Munro-Faure's
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Coffee Shop at the Memorial Hall
	12 noon	Thanksgiving service t/l John Garrat at St George's
	7.00 pm	Choir Practice at the Memorial Hall
Friday 13 th	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	10.00 am	St Ronan's Rehearsal
	5.00 pm	St Ronan's School Carol Service (arrival from 4pm)
	8.00 pm	Bellringing Practice (tbc)

Sunday Next: 15th December – The Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: James 5.7-10, Matthew 11.2-11

8.00 am Holy Communion led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am Sung Eucharist led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

Readings: Sunday 8th December

Romans 15.4-13

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel for Jews and Gentiles Alike

⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name’;

¹⁰and again he says,

‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’;

¹¹and again,

‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him’;

¹²and again Isaiah says,

‘The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.’

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3.1-12

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

³In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.”’

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume 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. ¹⁰Even 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.

¹¹ ‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

Home Groups: The House Group on Tuesday 10th December will be a social event at Alice Munro-Faure’s home at Orchard House, Water Lane, Hawkhurst. (for details how to gain entry contact Alice on 07780 985 904). After this event there will be no Benenden House Group meetings until Tuesday 7th January when we return to Julia and David Collard’s at 7 Fuggles Court.



St. George's Benenden - 2019

Service	Date	Time	Venue
St. Ronan's School Carol service	Friday 13 th	5:00pm	St. George's Benenden
Benenden Primary School Carol service	Wednesday 18 th	2:30pm	St. George's Benenden
Benenden Parish Carol service	Saturday 21 st	7:30pm	St. George's Benenden
	<i>Christmas Eve</i>		
Benenden Crib service	Tuesday 24 th	3:00pm	St. George's Benenden
Benenden "Midnight" Communion		11:30pm	St. George's Benenden
	<i>Christmas Day</i>		
Communion	Wednesday 25 th	8:00am	St. George's Benenden
Morning Worship		10:00am	St. George's Benenden
Communion		~10:45am	St. George's Benenden
Benefice Communion	Sunday 29 th	8:00am	St. Nicholas Sandhurst
Benefice All-Age Communion	Sunday 29 th	10:00am	St. George's Benenden

Plus the normal Service pattern of 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock services every Sunday:

8.00am Communion. (8th December is BCP Communion)
 10.00am services: 8th December: Morning Worship
 15th December: Sung Eucharist
 22nd December: Morning Worship

**BLEND – Youth Group for all 11 to 15 year olds – Tuesdays IN TERM TIME
from 4 to 6pm at Sandhurst Mission Church, Back Road TN18 5JU**



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