

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 5th 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 Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10.00 am ALL AGE COMMUNION
led by Revd David Commander

Bible Readings:
Ephesians 3.1-12
Matthew 2.1-12

Hymns	
105	We Three Kings
103	O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
494	I the Lord of sea and sky
Communion hymn - 489	From heaven you came
Communion hymn - 790	Teach me my God and King
98i	From the eastern mountains

4.00 pm CHOIR PRACTICE

5.00 pm CHORAL EVENSONG
led by David Harmsworth
Psalm 98. Readings: Isaiah 60.1-9, John 2.1-11
Hymns: 10 Abide with me, 99 Hail to the Lord's anointed

The Week Ahead

Monday 6 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Tuesday 7 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	1.30 pm	MLT meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church
	4.00 pm	'Blend' youth group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Wednesday 8 th	8.00 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Coffee Shop at the Memorial Hall
	7.00 pm	Choir Practice at the Memorial Hall
	7.00 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 10 th	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11.00 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's

Sunday Next: 12th January: The Baptism of Christ

Readings: Acts 10.34-43, Matthew 3.13-end

8.00 am 1662 BCP Holy Communion led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10.00 am Morning Worship led by Revd David Commander

5.00 pm Evening Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
Psalm 46 or 47. Readings: Hebrews 1.1-12, Luke 3.15-22

Readings: Sunday 5th January

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 Benenden Home Group meets on Tuesdays at 8pm at Julia and David Collard's, 7 Fuggles Court. The Sandhurst Home Group meets on Wednesdays at the Mission Church on Back Road, TN18 5JU.

Come and meet Ruth! The Tuesday Home Group are studying the book of Ruth over the next five Tuesdays, Why not come along and find out more about Ruth and the story's relevance to us today? Everyone is welcome (do not worry if you cannot make every week). More details from Tim or Diane Bentley

Wednesday Choir Practice at St George's recommences this Wednesday, 8th January at the Memorial Hall at 7pm.

Bellringing Practice at St George's: General practice is on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 pm. Quarter Peel attempts are the third Friday of each month from 7.30 to 9pm – Friday 17th this month. Please contact Tower Captain Rod Lebon for any further information.

Happy New Year everyone! David and Helen would like to thank everyone for their cards and best wishes over the Christmas period, and for the many kind gifts that appeared regularly on their doorstep in the run up to Christmas! They were very much appreciated. And we thank you for the love and support. We hope that the coming year is filled with happy and joyful times for you and your families. Whatever the year brings, though, may you continue to know God's presence in your life. Revd David.

The Drop in Café & Toddler Group meets every Wednesday in term time from 9 to 11 am at The Mission Church, Back Road, Sandhurst TN18 5JU

***NEXT MEETING:
WEDNESDAY
8TH JANUARY***

Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group meets at St George's every Friday in term time from 9 to 11 am

***NEXT MEETING:
FRIDAY
10TH JANUARY***

BLEND – for all 11 to 15 year olds re-starts on Tuesday 7th January from 4 to 6pm at Sandhurst Mission Church.

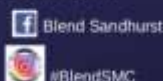


***Put down your phones -
Come and have some fun
instead!***

**BLEND - TUESDAYS, AFTER
SCHOOL**



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