

# The Benefice of St George's Church, Benenden & St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

**Collect:** Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

*Readings: Hebrews 2.14-end, Luke 2.22-40*

**8 am BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**

led by Vicki Young & Revd David Commander

**10 am BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS**

led by Vicki Young & Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

*Hymns: 329 Make way, make way*

*242 Immortal, invisible*

*288 King of glory, King of peace*

*158 Glorious things of thee are spoken*

*1 – 3 pm 'Warm Welcome Space' at Benenden Memorial Hall*

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	1 pm	Funeral of t/l Chris Raithby-Veall at St Nicholas
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	1 – 3 pm	<i>Warm Welcome Space at Sandhurst Mission Church</i>
	8 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	9 – 11 am	Drop in Café & Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	11.30 am	Burial of t/l Chris Raithby-Veall at St Nicholas
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall – all welcome
	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Bellingring Practice at St George's
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10 am	Community Choir at St George's
	1 – 3 pm	<i>Warm Welcome Space at Sandhurst Old School Hall</i>
	7 – 8 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	2.15 pm	BPS Christingle Service at St George's
	1 – 3 pm	<i>'Warm Welcome Space' at Benenden Memorial Hall</i>

**Sunday Next: 5<sup>th</sup> February – The Third Sunday before Lent**

*Readings: 1 Corinthians 2.1-12, Matthew 5.13-20*

**8 am 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS**

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

**8 am HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

**10 am ALL AGE COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**

led by Revd David Commander

**5 pm CHORAL EVENSONG AT ST GEORGE'S**

led by Revd David Commander

*1 – 3 pm 'Warm Welcome Space' at Benenden Memorial Hall*

**Bible Readings – 29<sup>th</sup> January – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**

**Hebrews 2.14-end**

<sup>14</sup> Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

**Luke 2.22-40**

**Jesus Is Presented in the Temple**

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup> 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.'

<sup>33</sup> And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

**The Return to Nazareth**

<sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

## **Prayers:**

**t/I Christopher Raithby-Veall:** Chris' funeral takes place tomorrow, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January, at 1pm at St Nicholas Church. We hold Chris, his wife Carolyn, and Miles, Guy and their families and friends in our prayers.

**t/I Iain Thomson:** Iain's Memorial service is on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm at St George's. We hold Anne, Sarah, Robert and Skye and their family and friends in our prayers.

**Come in from the cold  
and keep warm this winter**



**Fridays and Sundays, 1-3pm**

(From Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January)

**The Memorial Hall, Benenden**

(N.B. There is also the Coffee Shop on a Wednesday, 10-11:30am)

Come to a warm community space; enjoy a warm drink; have a chat. Don't sit at home feeling alone, or being cold. There is no charge. Everyone is welcome. (Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult.)

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# Come in from the cold and keep warm this winter...



Every week from 3<sup>rd</sup> January we are providing a warm space and a friendly face at:

The Mission Church, Back Road  
Tuesdays 1pm – 3pm

The Old School Hall, Back Road  
Thursdays 1pm - 3pm

Come into the warmth, enjoy a tea or coffee, and have a chat and get to know your neighbours.

Entry is completely free and everybody is welcome!  
(Under 18s are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult)

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