

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January The Baptism of Christ

**Collect:** Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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.

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January – The Baptism of Christ

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

**8 am**                    **1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION**  
led by Revd David Commander

**10 am**                    **MORNING WORSHIP**  
led by Revd David Commander

*Hymns:*            46        *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*  
                  242        *(omit v4) Come, Holy Spirit, come!*  
                  246        *Holy Spirit, come, confirm us*  
                  484        *You shall go out with joy*

**5.30 pm**                **Canterbury Cathedral - Epiphany Carol Service including marking the retirement of The Archdeacon of Maidstone - This service is open to all and no booking is required. (No robing for clergy please.)**

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	7 pm	Maidstone Archdeaconry Service at St Nicholas, Allington led by Revd David Commander, marking Ven Andrew Sewell's retirement. Worship & refreshments. <i>Via RSVP to Archdeacon's PA Lynn - <a href="mailto:Ibourne@diocant.org">Ibourne@diocant.org</a></i>
	7.30 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	7 – 9 pm	Weald Filling Station at Benenden Primary School
	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
	7 – 8 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing: Quarter Peal attempt at St George's

### Sunday Next: 19<sup>th</sup> January – Second Sunday of Epiphany

*Readings: 1 Corinthians 12.1-11, John 2.1-11*

**8 am**                    **HOLY COMMUNION**  
led by Revd David Commander

**10 am**                **SUNG EUCHARIST**  
led by Revd David Commander

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**Acts 8.14-17**

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Luke 3.15-17, 21-22**

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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.'

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

**Benenden Home Group** will meet again on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at David & Julia Collard's.

**Sandhurst Calendars:** Thank you to everyone both in Sandhurst and Benenden who has contributed to the amazing total of £865. This includes calendar sales as well as contributions from those who preferred to make a donation as they didn't need a calendar. Katherine O'Neil

**Ven. Andrew Sewell, Archdeacon of Maidstone,** retires on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025. A service for Andrew is TONIGHT - 12<sup>th</sup> January - at Canterbury Cathedral at 5.30pm. There is also a service in the Maidstone Archdeaconry to mark Andrew's retirement, at 7pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at St Nicholas Allington, led by Revd David Commander. An Archdeaconry retirement collection for Andrew can be found via the link: <https://app.collectionpot.com/pot/3302251>

**Memorial Hall Vacancies:**

We are looking for a replacement for Jackie Liffen who has looked after the bookings for a very long time. The post is to take bookings and place them on website, send out invoices quarterly and act as Treasurer for the Memorial Hall.

In addition, we are looking for a replacement for Colin Hayman, who has done a good job over the last few years, to look after the maintenance of the Memorial Hall. This is will be an ad hoc job rather than being committed to hours every week. It will require having items which require action being carried out either personally or arranging a contractor to carry out the work in conjunction with the Treasurer.

Please speak to David Collard if you may be interested in either of these roles.

**Central Weald Filling Station – 7pm – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January:** January's speaker is Martin Chapman, evangelist and teacher, most often supporting churches around Europe. Martin is passing through and spending some time with us, so it will be amazing to hear him speak again, and get a sense of how God is moving across Europe. Also quite likely to stir us up to start the year looking upward and outward. Meet at Benenden Primary School at 7pm for pizza. For more information contact Wes: Tel 07855 734982, email: [centralweald@thefillingstation.org](mailto:centralweald@thefillingstation.org). Website: <https://thefillingstation.org/station/central-weald/>

# **'CONNECT FOUR'**

***Our informal family service***

**4pm - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January**

**at Sandhurst Mission Church, Back  
Road TN18 5JU**



***Come along and connect with:***

***- family and friends - tea, coffee,  
cake***

***- the Bible - worship - and God!***

***Refreshments throughout.***

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