

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: 15<sup>th</sup> January The Second Sunday of Epiphany

**Collect:** Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 15<sup>th</sup> January – The Second Sunday of Epiphany

*Readings: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9, John 1.29-42*

**8 am HOLY COMMUNION**

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

**10 am SUNG EUCHARIST**

led by Revd David Commander

*Hymns:* 96 *Brightest and best*  
99 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*  
104 *Songs of thankfulness*  
98 *From the eastern mountains*

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

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group <b>at the Rectory</b> (this week only)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
		<b>No Benenden Home Group this week.</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Funeral of t/l Alan Williams at St George's
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall – all welcome
	7 pm	Central Weald 'Filling Station' at Benenden Primary School
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	Community Choir at St George's
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	1 – 3 pm	'Warm Welcome Space' at Benenden Memorial Hall
	7 – 9 pm	Bellringing – Quarter Peal attempt
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10 am – 12 noon	Bellringing – Ring of 10 Bells at St George's

### Sunday Next: 22<sup>nd</sup> January – The Third Sunday of Epiphany

*Readings: 1 Corinthians 1.10-18, Matthew 4.12.23*

**8 am HOLY COMMUNION**

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

**10 am MORNING WORSHIP**

led by David Harmsworth

**11.30 am Open Meeting at St George's – St George's 20:20 Project (see below for info)**

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

## **Bible Readings – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January - The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

### **1 Corinthians 1.1-9**

#### **The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

##### **Salutation**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **John 1.29-42**

#### **The Lamb of God**

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' <sup>32</sup>And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

#### **The First Disciples of Jesus**

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' <sup>39</sup>He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

#### **Home Groups:**

The Monday Sandhurst Home Group meets *at the Rectory this week.*

There will be *no Benenden Home Group this Tuesday* but we resume on 24<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Central Weald Filling Station**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January - 7pm - at Benenden Primary School.**

**Speaker: Dr Barbara Leppard**

Barbara is a Professor of Dermatology and has spent many years serving in Tanzania as a medical professional, with prayer ministry for healing, and as a teacher and preacher in churches.

With many experiences of God's miraculous power and His goodness, among sometimes very challenging situations, Barbara has also written a book 'Heal the Sick'. There will be some copies...

## An Invitation to Shape St George's Church

It seems unchanging, but change has been a constant at St George's over the years!



### What are the issues? What is required?

- > New sustainable heating system
- > Better in-house facilities—toilets, kitchen
- > Disabled access
- > Low cost improved lighting
- > Better and more flexible use of space—  
meeting rooms, crèche and youth facilities

The village community are welcomed to come to an exchange of views on change and a more sustainable church on Sunday 22 January 2023 at 11.30am in the church

## CONNECT FOUR

4pm - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January

at Sandhurst Mission Church,

Back Road TN18 5JU

A service especially for families – but, of course, all age groups are very welcome. Please join us!

*Please note, as from January 2023, this service has moved from the first Saturday of the month to the fourth Saturday of the month.*

## Weald Deanery Inter Parish Quiz night

When: **Saturday 28th January 2013**

Where: **St Laurence's Church Hawkhurst**

Time: **7.00pm**

**Tickets no charge - Teams of Six**

*Bring your own refreshments and drinks - Tea and Coffee provided*

**Attendance to be confirmed by 21st January**

**If you wish to be part of a team of 6 please email Cathy at [benendenchurch@gmail.com](mailto:benendenchurch@gmail.com)**

**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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