

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: 22<sup>nd</sup> January The Third Sunday of Epiphany

**Collect:** Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 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

*Hymns: 664 How sweet the name  
569 The kingdom of God  
742 O for a thousand tongues  
588 And can it be*

**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*

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
	11 am	Church Wardens' Meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church
	8 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall – all welcome
	2 pm	Benenden Memorial Hall AGM
	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Bellringing at St George's
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	Community Choir at St George's
Friday 27 <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
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	4 pm	<b>Connect Four at Sandhurst Mission Church</b>

### Sunday Next: 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

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

## **Bible Readings – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

### **1 Corinthians 1.10-18**

#### ***Divisions in the Church***

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

#### ***Christ the Power and Wisdom of God***

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

### **Matthew 4.12-23**

#### ***Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee***

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.'

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

#### ***Jesus Calls the First Disciples***

<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

#### ***Jesus Ministers to Crowds of People***

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

**Weald Deanery Inter Parish Quiz night**

**Saturday 28th January 2013 - PLEASE NOTE THIS EVENT HAS NOW  
BEEN CANCELLED**

## 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.*

# 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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