

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 8th January 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.

Sunday 8th January – Epiphany

Readings: Ephesians 3.1-12, Matthew 2.1-12

8 am **1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd David Commander

10 am **MORNING WORSHIP AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd David Commander

Hymns: 103 *O worship the Lord*
 105 *We three kings*
 100 *How brightly gleams*
 94 *As with gladness*

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 9 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at the Mission Church
Tuesday 10 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	8 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 11 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall – all welcome
	10.30 am	Funeral of t/l Betty Ward at St George's
Thursday 12 th	7 – 8 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Friday 13 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	1 – 3 pm	<i>'Warm Welcome Space' at Benenden Memorial Hall</i>

Sunday Next: 15th January – The Second Sunday of Epiphany

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

8 am **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am **SUNG EUCHARIST AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd David Commander

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

Bible Readings – Sunday 8th January - Epiphany

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.

20:20 Meeting at St George's

On Sunday 22nd January at 11.30am (after the morning service) there is an open meeting in St George's Church for everyone to share their thoughts, concerns and wishes for our church building and the facilities we have going forward in the 21st century, and into the 22nd century. Please come along and be a part of moving St George's Church on, in a sustainable manner, so that future generations can continue to worship here, and future generations can continue to use this community space - as previous generations have done for centuries.

The meeting will be chaired by Stephen Taylor, Diocesan Secretary

Sad News and Prayers:

The funeral of t/l **Betty Ward** takes place at St George's on Wednesday 11th January at 10.30 am. We hold Betty and her family and friends in our prayers.

The funeral of t/l **Alan Williams** takes place at St George's on Wednesday, 18th January at 10 am. We hold Alan, Judy and their family and friends in our prayers.

Home Groups in both Parishes recommence this week: 7.30 pm on Mondays in Sandhurst and 8 pm on Tuesdays in Benenden.

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



Fridays and Sundays, 1-3pm

(From Friday 6th 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.)

Revd David E: revdavidcommander@gmail.com (T: 240658) or
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CONNECT FOUR

4pm - Saturday 28th 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.*

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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

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