

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 16th 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: 16th January – The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Readings: 1 Cor. 12.1-11, John 2.1-11

8 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am **SUNG EUCHARIST**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

Hymns: 791 *The God of Abraham, praise (vv 1, 8, 9, 10)*
 506 *The church's one foundation (omit v3)*
 630 *Father, Lord of all creation*
 676 *Immortal, invisible*

THE WEEK AHEAD

(internal building work in the clergy vestry continues)

Monday 17 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Tuesday 18 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
Wednesday 19 th	8 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
Friday 21 st	7 pm	'The Filling Station' via Zoom this month
	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's

Sunday Next: 23rd January – The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Readings: 1 Cor. 12.12-31a, Luke 4.14-21

8 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

10 am **MORNING WORSHIP**
led by David Harmsworth

Readings: Sunday 16th January – The Second Sunday of Epiphany

1 Cor. 12.1-11

Spiritual Gifts

¹²Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

John 2.1-11

The Wedding at Cana

²On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Weald Filling Station meets
ON ZOOM THIS MONTH - Wednesday 19th January at 7:30pm
Speaker **Simon Baddeley**

Simon is the Filling Station regional consultant for the South West, and he and his wife Philippa have been involved in church leadership for over 20 years. Simon is as a prophetic leader and worship leader with a heart for mission, running monthly equipping evenings (the school of the prophets), and hosting Clear Vision, a yearly prophetic conference to envision and equip the body of Christ.

Further information from Wes & Faye Hinsley
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Prayers: Dear Heather Trollope has passed away, with her family at her side. Please hold Charles and their sons Richard and Henry and their families in your prayers; also Heather's brothers and sister. Heather's funeral will be on Monday 24th January. There will be a private cremation service in the morning; this will be followed by a service at St George's Church at 1pm, to which everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be available after the service at the back of church.. Revd David

Revd David - Sabbatical: The Diocese have granted me a three-month sabbatical this year. A sabbatical is a time of being able to step off the treadmill of parish ministry long enough to be renewed and refreshed. For me, it is simply a time of renewal, and a time of reconnecting with God. "It's stepping completely out of the current ministry situation and freed to embark on a holy trek!" And that is exactly what I have planned - a holy trek! Combining a love of the outdoors, walking, and Celtic spirituality. It will involve retreat times in the Christian communities on Iona and at Lindisfarne; and walking the Great Glen Way, the St Cuthbert's Way and the North Berwickshire Coastal Path. In addition, it will include some time out in spiritual spaces in the Orkneys and the Outer Hebrides.

In my preparation for the sabbatical, I have been doing some reading; one piece that I read said, "The very nature of being an effective pastor (priest) involves continual spiritual growth": I have been aware that has not been happening. The prospect is very exciting; and I am so grateful for the forthcoming opportunity. I will be taking the sabbatical in July, August and September this year. During that period, the parish will be well supported by the members of the Ministry Leadership Team and the Churchwardens; and I am very grateful for their support. I am trusting that this will be a time of renewal and encouragement for all of us. Helen will be with me some of the time, and also with our family; but will continue to lead the Toddler Groups in both parishes. Your prayers for this time for Helen and I, and for the parishes would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to know more, just ask! Revd David

***The toddler groups in the
Benefice of Benenden & Sandhurst***

Please use the available hand sanitisers.

We don't charge, but a £1 donation per family would be welcome.

The Drop in Café & Toddler Group in Sandhurst

meets at the Mission Church on Back Road, TN18 5JU,
on Wednesdays in term time
from 9 to 11am.

"Cakes & Chaos" in Benenden

meets at St George's on Fridays in term time
from 9 to 11am.

ALL WELCOME

Please contact Helen for more details.

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Covid Guidelines: AS FROM 10th DECEMBER 2021

Please continue to hand sanitise on entry to and exit from church.

You are encouraged to use the NHS Track and Trace QR Code, or record your attendance in the register, but this is not mandatory.

Face coverings are now mandatory in places of worship, unless you are exempt from wearing one. These should be worn throughout the service, including when singing, please. The choir, as they will be socially distanced from one another and from the congregation, can remove their face coverings to sing if they wish. Anyone reading or leading intercessions from the front of church can remove their face covering at the lectern - and replace it before returning to their pew.

Seating: you are encouraged to respect the concerns of others and sit socially distanced from other households.

Communion: we will maintain simultaneous administration, and distribute standing at the altar rail.

The church will be sanitised between services/events that are less than 48 hours apart.

I realise that this is all very tiresome, and that some will agree and others will not. Some will think this is going too far; some will think it is not going far enough. We do, however, all have a duty to take care of one another. I would prefer that we worship together in a way that reduces the risk of spreading Covid to someone who becomes seriously ill. I will be wearing my face covering to protect others; I encourage you to do the same. Many thanks. Revd David

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