

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 1st December

Advent Sunday

Collect: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10.00 am ALL AGE COMMUNION
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

Bible Readings:

Romans 13.11-end

Matthew 24.36-44

Hymns	
45	O Come O Come Emmanuel v1-3
30	Come thou long expected Jesus
47	People look east
41	Lo he comes with clouds descending

4.00 pm Choir Practice

5.00 pm ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
led by Revd David Commander

The Week Ahead

Monday 2 nd	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Deanery Synod meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church (refreshments from 7pm)
Tuesday 3 rd	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	4.00 pm	'Blend' youth group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Wednesday 4 th	8.00 pm	Home Group at Julia & David Collard's
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Coffee Shop at the Memorial Hall
	7.00 pm	Choir Practice at the Memorial Hall
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Friday 6 th	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9-11.00 am	Cakes & Chaos at St George's
	8.00 pm	Bellringing Practice (tbc)
Saturday 7 th	10.30 am	Benenden Girls' School Lower School Carol Service

Sunday Next: 8th December – The Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Romans 15.4-13, Matthew 3.1-12

8.00 am 1662 BCP Holy Communion led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am Morning Worship led by Rickie Bishop

5.00 pm Evening Prayer led by Revd David Commander

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An Urgent Appeal

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 24.36-44

The Necessity for Watchfulness

³⁶ 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Home Groups: The Tuesday Home Group meets at 8pm in Benenden, usually at Julia and David Collard's. The Wednesday Home Group meets at 7.30pm at the Mission Church. All are welcome to both groups.

St George's Flower Fund has a stall TODAY Sunday, 1st December at the 10am and 5pm services. We will be selling, and taking orders for, fresh candle decorations. Any orders for fresh candle decorations received before 18th December can be collected on Saturday 21st December, the day of the Parish Carol Service. There will also be a variety of other decorations and plants on sale. Alison Prall

Christmas choir at St George's: Enjoy the Parish Carol Service from a different perspective: come and sing with the choir for one night only. No commitment afterwards; just come to at least three of our Wednesday rehearsals beforehand, in the Memorial Hall, 7pm on Wednesdays. See you there, Charlotte.

Advent Carol Service at St George's



**5pm – TONIGHT
Sunday 1st December**



St. George's Benenden - 2019

Service	Date	Time	Venue
Advent Carol service	Sunday 1 st December	5:00pm	St. George's Benenden
Benenden Girls' School Carol service	Saturday 7 th	10:30am	St. George's Benenden
St. Ronan's School Carol service	Friday 13 th	5:00pm	St. George's Benenden
Benenden Primary School Carol service	Wednesday 18 th	2:30pm	St. George's Benenden
Benenden Parish Carol service	Saturday 21 st	7:30pm	St. George's Benenden
	<i>Christmas Eve</i>		
Benenden Crib service	Tuesday 24 th	3:00pm	St. George's Benenden
Benenden "Midnight" Communion		11:30pm	St. George's Benenden
	<i>Christmas Day</i>		
Communion	Wednesday 25 th	8:00am	St. George's Benenden
Morning Worship		10:00am	St. George's Benenden
Communion		~10:45am	St. George's Benenden
Benefice Communion	Sunday 29 th	8:00am	St. Nicholas Sandhurst
Benefice All-Age Communion	Sunday 29 th	10:00am	St. George's Benenden

Plus the normal Service pattern of 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock services every Sunday:

8.00am Communion.

10.00am services:

(8th December is BCP Communion)

8th December: Morning Worship

15th December: Sung Eucharist

22nd December: Morning Worship

**BLEND – Youth Group for all 11 to 15 year olds – Tuesdays IN TERM TIME
from 4 to 6pm at Sandhurst Mission Church, Back Road TN18 5JU**

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The Moor, Hawkhurst

**THE BODIAM CONCERT
BAND**

Festive Concert
6th December 2019
Doors open 6.45pm,
Concert starts 7.30pm

Tickets £12 including 1st drink and canapés
(charge for subsequent drinks)
Children 14 and under £6
Family ticket, 2x2, £30

Tickets available from 01580 755705 or the Church Office
Tickets also available on the door

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**CHRISTMAS TREE
FESTIVAL**

6th – 8th December 2019
11am – 4pm daily

Gifts and Refreshments

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