

# The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January

### The Baptism of Christ

**Collect:** Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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.

**8.00 am 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION**

led by Revd David Commander

**10.00 am MORNING WORSHIP**

led by David Harmsworth

**Bible Readings:**

*Acts 10.34-43,*

*Matthew 3.13-end*

Hymns	
94	As with gladness men of old
96	Brightest and best
100	How brightly beams the morning star
80	Of the Father's heart begotten

**5.00 pm EVENING PRAYER AT SANDHURST MISSION CHURCH**

led by led by Revd David Commander

*Psalm 46 or 47. Readings: Hebrews 1.1-12, Luke 3.15-22*

### The Week Ahead

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Benenden Worship Group meeting
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	'Blend' youth group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	8.00 pm	Home Group at David & Julia 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
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11.00 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing – Quarter Peal attempt

**Sunday Next: 19<sup>th</sup> January: The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

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

**8.00 am Holy Communion** led by tbc

**10.00 am Sung Eucharist** led by Revd David Commander

## Readings: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January

### **Acts 10.34-43**

#### **Gentiles Hear the Good News**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

### **Matthew 3.13-end**

#### **The Baptism of Jesus**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

**Home Groups:** The Benenden Home Group meets on Tuesdays at 8pm at Julia and David Collard's, 7 Fuggles Court. The Sandhurst Home Group meets on Wednesdays at the Mission Church on Back Road, TN18 5JU.

**Come and meet Ruth! The Tuesday Home Group** are studying the book of Ruth over the next four Tuesdays, Why not come along and find out more about Ruth and the story's relevance to us today? Everyone is welcome (do not worry if you cannot make every week). More details from Tim or Diane Bentley

**St George's Wednesday Choir Practice** – is every Wednesday at the Memorial Hall. 7pm.

**Bellringing Practice at St George's:** General practice is on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 pm. Quarter Peal attempts are the third Friday of each month from 7.30 to 9pm – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> this month. Please contact Tower Captain Rod Lebon for any further information.

**Happy New Year everyone!** David and Helen would like to thank everyone for their cards and best wishes over the Christmas period, and for the many kind gifts that appeared regularly on their doorstep in the run up to Christmas! They were very much appreciated. And we thank you for the love and support. We hope that the coming year is filled with happy and joyful times for you and your families. Whatever the year brings, though, may you continue to know God's presence in your life. Revd David.

**The Drop in Café &  
Toddler Group meets  
every Wednesday  
in term time  
from 9 to 11 am at  
The Mission Church,  
Back Road, Sandhurst  
TN18 5JU**

**Cakes & Chaos  
Toddler Group  
meets at  
St George's Church  
every Friday  
*in term time*  
from 9 to 11 am**

***BLEND – for all 11 to 15 year olds  
from 4 to 6pm at Sandhurst Mission Church.***



**Put down your phones -  
Come and have some fun  
instead!**

**BLEND - TUESDAYS, AFTER  
SCHOOL  
Mission Church**

  Blend Sandhurst  
 #BlendSMC

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