

# The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**10.00 am SUNG EUCHARIST**  
led by Revd David Commander

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

Hymns	
102	Jesus, come!
104	Songs of Thankfulness and praise
791	The God of Abraham praise
Communion anthem	Tchaikovsky Crown of Roses
Communion hymn - 692	Jesus good above all other
614i	Glorious things of thee are spoken

**6.00 pm CHURCHES TOGETHER**  
**ECUMENICAL SERVICE AT ST DUNSTAN'S, CRANBROOK**

#### The Week Ahead

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	4.00 pm	'Blend' youth group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00 pm	The Area Dean's installation service at St George's
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Coffee Shop at the Memorial Hall
	7.00 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Fabric & Finance Committee meeting at Iden Green Pavilion
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11.00 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	6.45 pm	Choir Practice at St George's

#### Sunday Next: 26<sup>th</sup> January: The Third Sunday of Epiphany

*Readings: 1 Corinthians 1.10-18, Matthew 4.12.23*

**8.00 am Holy Communion** led by led by Revd David Commander

**10.00 am Morning Worship** led by Jacqueline Hewitt & Karen Booth-Clibborn

**Readings: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

**1 Corinthians 1.1-9**

***The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians***

***Salutation***

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**John 1.29-42**

***The Lamb of God***

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' <sup>32</sup>And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

***The First Disciples of Jesus***

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' <sup>39</sup>He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

**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. **PLEASE NOTE: There is no Benenden Home Group meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January due to the Area Dean's service at St George's.** We will resume next week, 28<sup>th</sup> January.

**TONIGHT**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm**

**There is an ecumenical service, organised by Churches Together,  
at St Dunstan's, Cranbrook.**

**All are welcome to attend.**

**St George's Church is hosting the Area Dean's installation service on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January**, starting at 7:00pm. Apologies for the very short notice, but, for various reasons completely outside of our control, it has only just been announced that the next Area Dean will be Revd Rodney Dreyer, the incumbent at St. Laurence, Hawkhurst. The service will be led by Revd Andrew Sewell, the Acting Archdeacon. It is my understanding from Andrew that Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin will be attending. Refreshments will be served after the service. Revd David

**The Fabric and Finance Committee** will meet on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7.30pm at Iden Green Pavilion.

**St George's Wednesday Choir Practice** – is now back to ***Fridays from 6.45 to 7.30 pm.***

**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.

**Benenden Primary School Christingle Service** - at St. George's Church at 2.45pm on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Everyone is very welcome to attend this Christingle Service with the children, staff, parents and grandparents of the Primary School. There will be a retiring collection for the work of The Children's Society.

**I am delighted to let you know that Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin, our new Bishop of Dover, will be preaching and presiding at the 10am Sung Eucharist service at St George's Church on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March.**


The service will be a benefice service; everyone is very welcome to attend and meet our new Bishop over refreshments after the service. Revd David.



**The Sandhurst 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**

**Benenden  
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.***

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