

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 2nd February Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

Collect: Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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 ALL AGE COMMUNION
led by Revd David Commander

Bible Readings:
Hebrews 2.14-end,
Luke 2.22-40

Hymns	
113	When candles are lighted
327i	Awake, Awake
383	Lord thy word
Communion hymn 719	Lord the love
Communion hymn 452	Let all mortal flesh
638	Give me joy

4.00 pm Choir Practice

5.00 pm CHORAL EVENSONG AT ST GEORGE'S
led by Revd David Commander
Psalm 132. Readings: Haggai 2.1-9, John 2.18-22

Hymns	
Canticles	Dyson in F
Responses	Smith
Anthem	Eccard When Mary to the temple went
110	Hail to the Lord who comes
841	Jesu redemptor omnium
15	Glory be to thee

The Week Ahead

Monday 3 rd	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Tuesday 4 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
Wednesday 5 th	4 - 6.00 pm	'Blend' youth group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	8.00 pm	Home Group at Alice Munro-Faure's
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Coffee Shop at the Memorial Hall
Friday 7 th	7 - 9.00 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
	6.45 - 7.45 pm	Choir Practice at St George's

Sunday Next: 9th February: Third Sunday before Lent

Readings: 1 Corinthians 2.1-12, Matthew 5.13-20

8.00 am 1662 BCP Holy Communion led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am Morning Worship led by Richard & Sue Fisher

5.00 pm Evening Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church led by David Harmsworth

Psalm 4. Readings: Ephesians 4.17-end, Mark 1.29-39

Readings: Sunday 2nd February

Hebrews 2.14-end

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Luke 2.22-40

Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

The Return to Nazareth

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Home Groups: The Benenden Home Group meets on Tuesdays at 8pm, usually at Julia and David Collard's, 7 Fuggles Court. **Please note, the Home Group on Tuesday 4th February will be at Alice Munro-Faure's, Water Lane, Hawkhurst.** The Sandhurst Home Group meets on Wednesdays at the Mission Church on Back Road, TN18 5JU.

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH CHOIR & BELLRINGING PRACTICE TIMES

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW 2020 PRACTICE TIMES BELOW:

Choir Practice – is now back to Fridays from 6.45 to 7.45 pm in St George's

*Bellringing Practice – General practice is on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 pm.
Quarter Peal attempts are the third Friday of every month from 7.45 to 9.15 pm*

For booking requests and amendments or revisions to the
St George's Church calendar (visible via the St George's website)
please email Cathy at benendenchurch@gmail.com

*To avoid any potential clash of church use, please could we ask that all
bookings, including practices, finish promptly unless arranged otherwise
Thank you!*

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 15th 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.



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

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

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