

# The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January Epiphany

**Collect:** O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Epiphany

*Readings: Ephesians 3.1-12, Matthew 2.1-12*

8am	<b>BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS, SANDHURST</b> led by Revd David Commander
10am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S</b> led by Revd David Commander

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	10am	Holy Communion at the Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Morning Prayer at St George's

### Sunday Next: 10<sup>th</sup> January – The Baptism of Christ

*Readings: Acts 19.1-7, Mark 1.4-11*

8am	<b>BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S</b> led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Revd David Commander
10am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS</b> led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Revd David Commander

## **Readings: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

### ***Ephesians 3.1-12***

#### ***Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles***

<sup>3</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— <sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup> Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

### ***Matthew 2.1-12***

#### ***The Visit of the Wise Men***

<sup>2</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- The effect of going into Tier 3 (from lockdown) is:
- the churches are open for public worship
  - but we are not allowed "to mingle" before or after a service

**Please remember: "Hands. Face. Space" and to keep within your social bubble.**

Thank you! Revd David

**Daily Scripture and Reflection is posted on the St George's Church website and Facebook page every day of the week.**

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