

The Benefice of Benenden & Sandhurst

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

Our Worship: Sunday 24th January Third Sunday of Epiphany

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 24th January – The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Readings: Revelation 19.6-10, John 2.1-11

10am

ONLINE HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander & Lyn Hayes

Link – also available via the church websites, below

<https://youtu.be/8wODYiMvFEQ>

followed by **ONLINE COFFEE MORNING VIA ZOOM**

Link – also available via the church websites below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3971102878?pwd=UkpkY2R2Z1lXbmJqNUdzdzB2RVZUUT09>

(Meeting ID: 397 110 2878 Passcode: 658989)

NB Links to all services (also available to watch as recordings) are detailed on the following St George's and St Nicholas church websites, Facebook pages and A Church Near You.

Websites:

<http://www.benendenchurch.org/>

<https://stnicholassandhurst.org/>

Facebook Pages:

@StGeorgesBenenden

@StNicholasSandhurst

A Church Near You:

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com>

THE WEEK AHEAD

The church is open for private prayer but we regret there is no communal worship for the next few weeks. Sunday services will be available via YouTube at 10am every Sunday (and available to watch afterwards). YouTube service links and links to Zoom coffee mornings will be posted on the church websites on Saturday evening.

Sunday Next: 31st January – Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Readings: Hebrews 2.14-end, Luke 2.22-40

10am

ONLINE HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie, David Harmsworth
& Revd David Commander

Readings: Sunday 24th January

Revelation 19.6-10

⁶Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.

⁷ Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready;

⁸ to her it has been granted to be clothed
with fine linen, bright and pure'—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

⁹ And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' ¹⁰Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

John 2.1-11

The Wedding at Cana

²On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Sad News in the Benefice:

Please pray for Olive, Hilda and Bill and their loved ones at this sad time.

Olive Martin. Mother of Brian Martin.

Funeral: Monday 1st Feb. 3:15pm at Charing Crematorium.

Hilda Kemp. Mother of Gary, Darren and Valley.

Funeral: Wednesday 3rd Feb. 11:30am, K&S Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells.

Bill Goodsell. Father of Richard and Clive.

Funeral: Friday 5th February. 10:00am, K&S Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells.

If any members of the church family feel they would like to attend Bill's funeral service please contact Revd David.

PASTORAL:

If you would like a chat or some prayer time in church, Revd Ylva or Revd David will at both **St George's, Benenden** and **The Mission Church, Sandhurst** as follows:

from 10 to 11am on
Monday 25th January & Monday 1st February.

at from 2 to 3pm on
Tuesday 26th January & Tuesday 2nd February

Covid Update: As at 24th January

Our churches remain open for individual private prayer. However, communal worship has moved on-line until further notice.

Until our churches reopen:

- We will record a service and make it available, on-line, every Sunday morning. Fellowship follows, with coffee, on Zoom after the service.
- The parish churches remain open for individual private prayer seven days a week
- St. George's church will be heated for two one-hour periods every day (10-11am and 2-3pm) so that the church is more comfortable if people wish to make use of the space for private prayer. Revd Ylva and I will diary some of our time to be at St. George's Church and at the Mission Church if you wish to meet and talk

As this situation is going on far longer than any of us had imaged:

- We will look at arranging a form of on-line, weekly Bible Study; a sort of "on-line Home Group". This will be available, on Zoom, to anyone who wishes to join in for Christian fellowship in this way. Watch this space!
- We will also review and update the on-line resources that are available on the church websites.

Please continue to look after yourself. If you want to talk, please pick up the phone and call. God bless. Revd David

Daily Scripture and Reflection is posted on our church websites
and Facebook pages every day of the week.

PLEASE ALSO KEEP AN EYE ON THESE WEBSITES AND FACEBOOK PAGES FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION REGARDING OUR CHURCH SERVICES

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