

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 14th January 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.

Sunday 14th January – Second Sunday of Epiphany

Readings: Revelation 5.1-10, John 1.43-end

8 am	1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
10 am	MORNING WORSHIP led by David Harmsworth
	<i>Hymns</i>
	1 <i>Awake, my soul (v1-4, 8U)</i>
	109 <i>When Jesus comes to be baptized</i>
	487 <i>Christ is the one</i>
	646 <i>God is working his purpose out</i>

THE WEEK AHEAD

Revd David is on holiday this weekend: 13th and 14th January.

Should you require the service of a Priest during this time,

please contact your Churchwardens:

David Collard Tel 241 944 & Sue Fisher Tel 241 907

Monday 15 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at the Rectory
Tuesday 16 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	1 pm	Sip 'n' Chat Café at Sandhurst Mission Church
	8 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 17 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	8 pm	20:20 Project progress meeting
Thursday 18 th	10–11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
	7 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 19 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9–11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing – Quarter Peal attempt at St George's

Sunday Next: 21st January – Third Sunday of Epiphany

Readings: Revelation 19.6-10, John 2.1-11

8 am	HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
10 am	SUNG EUCHARIST led by Vicki Young & Revd David Commander

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Revelation 5.1-10

The Scroll and the Lamb

⁵Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; ²and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁴And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

⁶ Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. ⁸When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹They sing a new song:

'You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,

for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;

¹⁰ you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,
and they will reign on earth.'

John 1.43-end

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' ⁵⁰Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' ⁵¹And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Prayers:

I have to pass on two sad pieces of news.

t/I Martyn Gregory: Martyn, Aurea's son, died at Hawkhurst House on Tuesday 9th January. Aurea and Adrian arrived not long after Martyn passed away, and take comfort from the assurance that he died peacefully and from the time they had been able to spend together recently. Please hold dear Aurea in your prayers, and Martyn's brothers, Adrian and Clive, and all the family. There is likely to be a funeral service at a Crematorium followed, a little later in the year, by a Memorial Service at St George's.

t/I John Byran: Jean Byran has been in touch to let us know that her husband John died on Saturday 30th December after a long illness. John and Jean enjoyed a happy Christmas together; he died peacefully with Jean at his side in the care home he was in. John's funeral takes place on Monday 22nd January. He will be buried in Urquhart Cemetery, after which there will be a service of celebration of John's life at their church, St Anne's in Strathpeffer. We remember John and Jean's time in the village, and pray for Jean at this time.

We also pray for **t/I Michael Goodsell** and all family and friends, following Michael's funeral and memorial service last Friday, 12th January.

Revd David

Ash Wednesday: 14th February

Ashing Service at St George's - at 7.30 pm

Please could we ask that any Palm Crosses be returned by Sunday 11th February in order to make the ashes for this service.

Collection baskets will be at the back in all three churches.

***Sip 'n' Chat Café
at the Mission Church
Back Road, Sandhurst TN18 5JU***

***Tuesday 16th January
from 1 to 3pm***

‘CONNECT FOUR’

Our informal family service

**4pm - Saturday 27th January
at Sandhurst Mission Church,
Back Road TN18 5JU**



Refreshments throughout.

Come along and connect with:

- family and friends***
- tea, coffee, cake***
- the Bible***
- worship***
- and God!***

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